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Financial assistance available for teens travelling to Israel

Ilana Baden, special to the WJN

The Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor has announced the availability of two sources of financial assistance for teens travelling to Israel: The Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship and Jewish Federation's Subsidies for teen travel to Israel.

Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship

The Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship Fund provides two $2500 scholarships annually for Ann Arbor area high school students to participate in peer group Israel experiences such as semester, summer or gap year programs, which occur between high school and college. Paul and Carolyn Lichter established the fund in memory of their daughter who had a deep connection to Israel. "We wanted to establish this scholarship to keep Susan's name alive in the community and to give other young people the opportunity she had, to have a meaningful Israel experience," Paul shared.

The scholarship application includes the submission of an essay in which students will be asked to describe their goals for visiting Israel and how their particular program will help them meet these goals. A scholarship committee will determine the scholarship award winners. Applications for the Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship must be received in the Federation office by February 3, and awards will be determined by March 3. Winning essays will be published in the Washtenaw Jewish News and on the Federation website.

Subsidies for teen travel to Israel

The Jewish Federation offers subsidies for teens participating in approved, organized peer trips to Israel. Subsidies are provided for summer, semester and year programs, including gap year programs. These subsidies are not provided for college-age students. The amount of the subsidy varies, based on the number of applicants each year. The maximum any one individual

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Temple Beth Emeth to honor Cantor Annie Rose

Robin Little, special to the WJN

For the past 20 years, Temple Beth Emeth's congregants have been inspired and enriched by the presence of Cantor Annie Rose. Expanding the traditional role of cantor, Cantor Rose strives continually to musically and spiritually engage and serve both adults and children. Her accomplishments are many. She has developed and nurtured four choirs and two bands, created and facilitated TBE's Spirituality Book Club, led many TBE support groups, taught Torah trope, and prepared countless children and adults for their B'nai Mitzvah.

Cantor Rose's community involvement beyond TBE is equally extensive: performing Stained Glass concerts with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, singing at nursing homes and hospices, and visiting patients in the hospital. Her gentle and kind ways have touched countless individuals and families.

As she prepares for retirement during the summer of 2014, TBE has worked to find the right ways to honor her amazing accomplishments and indelible impact on the congregation.

Cantor Annie Rose

In September, the board established the Music and Spirituality Endowment in Honor of Cantor Rose. The fund will be invested in the Jewish Community Foundation's funds that are managed by financial experts from across the country with an excellent rate of return.

Gifts to the endowment not only honor Cantor Rose, they are an investment in the future of TBE—the congregation that Cantor Rose has supported and enriched. The congregation is profoundly grateful to Cantor Rose for all that she has done to make TBE a unique Reform congregation that they are proud to attend.

To learn more about the endowment fund and to make a gift, visit the TBE website, www.templebethemeth.org website and click on "Giving. In addition to this fund, mark your calendars for three special events: a Spirituality Shabbaton with Leonard Felder, author of Here I Am, the weekend of November 22–23 (see full page ad in this issue); an all-ensemble concert on Sunday, February 9, 2014 (at 4 p.m. at TBE) and a community celebration concert on Sunday, April 27, 2014, (at 4 p.m. at Washtenaw Community College Morris Lawrence Building). The Shabbaton and all-ensemble concert are free and open to the public; the community celebration concert is a ticketed event at $100 per person.

A dedicated website, www.celebrateannie.net, has additional information about these events, along with descriptions of a memory book, Jewish holiday cookbook and donating "miles for Annie's smiles." ■

Is there a November dilemma this year?

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin, special to the WJN

As is true for most rabbis, I have developed my own method of conducting a wedding. Naturally, there are rituals that must be performed as part of the ceremony regardless of who is officiating. But, we all find ways to bring our own touch to the proceedings of the day. So, in addition to all of the obligatory rituals, I have one more ritual that I make sure to include.

As members of the wedding party, family and close friends gather for the signing of the *ketubah*, I open the day's ritual activities with the public signing of the marriage license required by the State of Michigan.

All rabbis sign this document of course, but many do it privately and with little fanfare so as not to overshadow the signing of the *ketubah*. I prefer to do it publicly and somewhat grandly, because I want everyone present to realize how great a privilege it is for us to live in a state and in a nation that allows us to conduct our religious rituals as we see fit. I believe we should honor and celebrate that

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***The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth*, by Jennie Augusta Brownscombe**

privilege that so many Jews throughout history never experienced.

The signing of the civil license is critical to me as a proud citizen of this country and this state; and let me quickly add that I fervently hope that the state of Michigan will soon provide a marriage license for all couples who desire to marry. May that day come *bimhayra biyamaynu*, speedily and in our day.

But, to return to the issue at hand, I begin the wedding ceremony with an act of commitment to our civil government and our identity as Americans and as Michiganders.

The balance between our Jewish commitments and our commitments to this country is always delicate, and we see that delicate balance in so many different ways in our lives. One area we see that is in the observance of holidays. How do we balance American civil holidays with Jewish holidays?

Each of us comes to our own resolution of this issue and I will readily admit that I spend much more time preparing for, anticipating, and celebrating our Jewish holidays than I do our American holidays.

But there is one American holiday which I never ignore, one American holiday which I never miss, one American holiday which I and my family prepare for and celebrate with ritual and tradition filled with *kavannah* - sincere attention and commitment. There is one American holiday that I look forward to

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Ann Arbor ORT to hold Chai'Nukah party

Anne Wasciuk, special to the WJN

Ann Arbor ORT will hold its annual Chai'Nukah party on Sunday, November 24, from 2 p.m. to 4 PM at the Nature Cove Condominium clubhouse, 2115 Nature Cove Court. The party is sponsored by the ORT Cinema Club. Registration is required in advance. The cost is an $18 donation to ORT America.

Brian Hunter, facility and program manager at the Michigan Theater, will speak on Jewish films in main-steam America. There will be a gift exchange of wrapped books or DVDs. To register, email or call Fran Martin, maizenblue@comcast.net or 665-1452. Check the ORT website at: ortannarbor.org for further details.

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Jeffrey Bernstein to speak at SPICE program

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to WJN

Jeffrey Bernstein

Over the summer, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's older adult program, SPICE, conducted a focus group to discuss different aspects of the program. One suggestion was to include additional thought provoking and even controversial speakers. On Thursday, November 21, Jeffrey Bernstein will speak at the SPICE program. Bernstein, a political science professor at the Eastern Michigan University, will discuss the political consequences of the JFK assassination in his talk, How It All Changed: American Electoral Policies Fifty Years After Dallas. The talk will run from 1–2 p.m. at the JCC. For more information about this and other SPICE programming, contact Rachael Hoffenblum at 971-0990 or rachaelhoffenblum@jccfed.org.

SPICE Events

Rachael Hoffenblum, special to the WJN

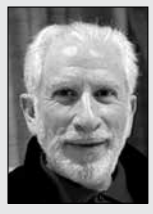
Marianne Szegedy-Maszák

Thursday, November 7

Noon: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Marianne Szegedy-Maszak, author of *I Kiss Your Hands Many Times; Hearts, Souls and Wars in Hungary*

The JCC Book Festival is November 6–17 and most Thursdays SPICE will have the opportunity to meet Jewish authors.



Lloyd I. Sederer

Thursday, November 14

Noon: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Lloyd Sederer MD, author of *The Family Guide to Mental Health Care.*

Thursday, November 21

Noon: Lunch

12:30 p.m.: Monthly Birthday Celebration

Is your birthday in November? Then come to SPICE and celebrate with friends. Come for the cake and ice cream, stay for the afternoon programming.

1 p.m.: Jeffrey Bernstein, Eastern Michigan University.(*See article on this page.*)

Thursday, November 28

The JCC will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

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Jewish Book Festival begins November 6

Halye Aisner, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor welcomes back its 26th annual Jewish book festival. Once again the JCC will host well known and up and coming authors to Ann Arbor. The event takes place November 6–17 and all events take place at the JCC.

This year's two-week event will feature seven Lunch with the Author events, where participants will be able to dine with the day's featured author prior to the program. Lunch with the Author events begin at noon and are $10 in advance or $15 at the door for the cost of lunch. The author's discussions begin 12:30 p.m. and are free and open to all.

The sponsor event will take place Saturday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. This event will honor those sponsoring this year's festival. That evening's feature author is Richard Breitman, whose well-received book *FDR and the Jews* was reviewed in the New York Times this past year. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. that evening. This author presentation is free and open to the community.

November 10, at 9 a.m. will feature a children's program featuring Sammy the Spider. He is celebrating his 20th birthday in print. There will be a pancake breakfast, storytelling, crafts and birthday cake. The cost is $5 per person.

Also on November 10 at 7 p.m., Ann Kirschner will discuss her book *Lady at the O.K. Coral: The True Story of Josephine Marcus Earp.* That evening's theme is *A Night at the O.K. Corral* and there will be a prize-winning drawing for anyone who comes dressed up in some form of cowboy/cowgirl attire. This event is free and open to the community.

Pulitzer Prize winner Sheri Fink, who was just on the *Jon Stewart Daily Show* and in the *New York Times* book review is featured on Tuesday, November 12, at the Lunch with the Author event. Fink will discuss her book *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm Ravaged Hospital.*

On Thursday, November 14, at 7 p.m., the festival will feature An Evening with the Frankel Center of Judaic Studies Scholars. Deborah Dash Moore, Rachel Neis, Ryan Szpiech and Jeffrey Veidlinger will all discuss their latest books. This event is free and open to the community.

A community favorite, the Local Authors Brunch, will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday, November 17. This event will feature Dr. Richard Adler, Ruth Behar, Raymond De Young, Julie Feldman, Miriam Karpa, Mitch Rycus and Joan Zald. Brunch may be purchased for $7 in advance or $10 at the door. All author talks are free and open to the community.

The festival will close with Comedy Night and dessert extravaganza featuring comedian and writer Fred Stoller, author of *Maybe We'll Have You Back*. Stoller has appeared on *Friends, Everybody Loves Raymond Scrubs, My Name is Earl* and was even a staff writer and actor on *Seinfeld.* There will be a dessert reception and comedian Big Al Muskovitz will warm up the crowd. The dessert extravaganza is free for book festival sponsors. The cost for the dessert extravaganza only $10 per person for non-sponsors. The author talk and comedy night are free.

For information or to RSVP to any of these events, contact the JCC front desk at front desk at 971-0990 or email karenfreedland@jccfed.org ■

Fair Trade Judaica Gift Store at the JCC's Jewish Book Festival

A new addition to the JCC's Jewish Book Festival will be a Fair Trade Chanukah gift shop.. Menorahs, chocolate, soaps and other gift items created by artisans that are part of the Fair Trade Network. Gifts from all over the world will be represented. Local social actions committees from the different synagogues and temples will participate to work at the pop up store and inform are attendees of the benefits to supporting these talented artisans. A unique array of gifts will be available and purchases will help support hardworking individuals.

The JCC Friday Afternoon Performing Arts Series

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor continues its Friday Performing Art Series through November. Each week, the Center continues to showcase the local musical or theatrical talents of Ann Arbor. All programs begin at 1p.m.

On Friday, November 1, the JCC will host the Ann Arbor Symphony Chamber Series. Tickets are $10 at the door or guest may order them ahead through the Ann Arbor Symphony office at 994-4801. The program will feature a Woodwind Quintet with Penny Fischer, flute; Lynne Marie Mangan, oboe; Jay deVries, clarinet; Nora Schankin, bassoon; and Melanie Hellick on horn. The afternoon repertoire *includes Arne Running - Aria and Quodlibet, Farkas - Old Hungarian Dances, Denis Agay - Five Easy Dances, William Grant Still – Miniatures, Barthe – Passacaille, Ibert - Trois Pieces Breves, D'Rivera – Wapango and Lefebvre - Suite for Woodwind Quintet op. 57*

On Friday, November 8 and 22, the University of Michigan School of Music, Theater and Dance will feature performers from their community outreach program. Under the guidance of Louis Nagel, students perform in various locals around town and get the opportunity to show their talents outside of the university. Tickets are $5 per person for each of these programs.

Reservations can be made at the JCC front desk or by calling 971-0990. For more information, contact Karen Freedland at karenfreedland@jccfed.org. ■

Musical program at EMU on Tin Pan Alley

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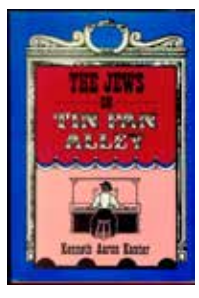

Eastern Michigan University Jewish Studies and the Jewish Federation of Greater Ann Arbor will host Ken Kanter, author of *The Jews on Tin Pan Alley*, for an evening of musical selections and anecdotes showcasing Jewish contributions to American popular music. Ken Kanter is associate dean and director of the Rabbinical School for the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati, Ohio. A strolling reception will begin in the ballroom of the EMU Student Center at 6 p.m. on November 11, prior to Dean Kanter's lecture/performance. Tickets are $18 and can be purchased at http://bit.ly/TinPanAlley.

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ANNUAL COPERNICUS LECTURE
JAN GROSS, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
"'Making History': An Intellectual Journey into the Hidden Polish Past"
University of Michigan Museum of Art
Helmut Stern Auditorium
525 South State Street

November 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
An Evening with the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies Scholars
JCC Ann Arbor
2935 Birch Hollow Drive, Ann Arbor

November 17, 1 - 2:30 pm
A Day of Jewish Learning:
Frankel Scholar's Forum
JCC West Bloomfield
6600 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield

November 19, 7 - 9 pm
Avery Robinson, Frankel Center MA Student
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Jewish Family Services is on a roll this fall

Sarah Okin, special to the WJN

JFS's Herb Amster Center, launched this April, was tasked with the goal of improving economic opportunities for individuals and families in the community, while at the same time helping to reduce JFS' dependence on grant and foundation funding. To that end, the Center has spent some energy attempting to marry these two missions by adding sustainability to two of JFS' popular services: transportation and counseling (mental health services).

The Center is making progress towards achieving its goals, and has signed two different contracts which will not only extend the reach of the provision of JFS' important services, but do so on a fee-for-service basis; adding sustainability to each program.

Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti residents will now begin to see JFS' fleet of vehicles at local elementary, middle and high schools as the agency has contracted with the Ann Arbor Public Schools to provide transportation services to students who require assistance getting to/from school. The agency is in its third month of providing rides to students, and reports that the new arrangement is going smoothly. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has approved the agency's purchase of three new vans and a bus equipped with two wheelchair lifts, which will more than double the JFS transportation program's current capacity, as well as job opportunities for part-time drivers.

With regards to JFS' counseling services, as of October 1, the agency became an approved provider for individuals insured by the Washtenaw Health Plan. Additionally, the agency has gone through both Medicare and Blue Cross Blue Shield's paneling process, so as to further the breadth and depth of the agency's ability to serve the community. Anya Abramzon, executive director of JFS, reports, "Being able to accept these insurance plans means that more individuals in need will more quickly be able to receive counseling services. Serving insured clients means we can serve more under/un-insured individuals in need, and will significantly reduce the potential need for a waiting list. We are currently seeking therapists who have deep knowledge of the Washtenaw County Jewish community to join our growing team on a contractual basis."

Both the MDOT grant and JFS' two new contracts are great news for Jewish Family Services, as well as for those in the community seeking services or employment opportunities. JFS is, without a doubt, making important progress towards fulfilling its mission of creating solutions, promoting dignity and inspiring humanity. ■

Financial assistance, continued from page1

will receive is $1000. Individuals may receive this subsidy only one time. Subsidy recipients will be asked to share their experiences during and/or after their trip. Applications for Israel subsidies must be received in the Federation office by March 3, and notification of subsidies will be made by April 1. Applications received after the deadline will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis if funds are still available.

Eligible Programs

Eligible programs for both the Susan L. Lichter Memorial Endowed Israel Scholarship and the Israel subsidies must be at least four weeks in length and be organized by an approved provider, such as those under the auspices of Jewish youth movements, denominational movements of Judaism, MASA gap year programs, Israeli university teen summer programs, or high school study programs. Scholarships and subsidies are not awarded for family or individual travel and will be paid directly to the programs in which the selected students participate.

Local high school students interested in applying for the scholarship and/or the subsidy should visit www.jewishannarbor.org or contact Rabbi Ilana Baden at ilana@jewishannarbor.org or 677-0100. ■

Catholics and Jews find common ground at Madrid summit

By Sean Savage/JNS.org

With the backdrop of positive steps on Jewish-Catholic relations under Pope Francis I, more than 50 leaders from both faiths gathered in Madrid, Spain, on October 13 for the International Catholic-Jewish Liaison Committee (ICJLC) summit to further religious cooperation.

The ICJLC, the official Catholic-Jewish dialogue group, was formed in 1967 shortly after the Second Vatican Council's groundbreaking declaration *Nostra Aetate,* which disavowed centuries of Catholic Church anti-Semitism and paved the way for improved Catholic-Jewish relations.

Since 1967, the committee has met nearly two dozen times and has issued several important joint declarations concerning matters of faith, ethics, and social issues.

According to a statement issued after the summit, "Challenges for Religion in Contemporary Society," the gathering addressed issues "in a series of presentations, discussions and workshops on the social, political, cultural, ethical, and religious circumstances in which men and women today seek to express their religious beliefs and follow the teachings of their religious traditions."

JNS.org spoke to Betty Ehrenberg, chair of the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations (IJCIC) and representative of the World Jewish Congress on the committee, about her recent appointment as the head of the IJCIC, her experience at the summit in Madrid, and the future of Jewish-Catholic relations.

JNS: As the new head of IJCIC and the first woman to hold position, what are some of your responsibilities, and what goals do you hope to achieve?

Ehrenberg: My most important goal is to try and help guide the group to deepen the dialogue with other religious faiths. In addition to the meeting with the Catholic Church in Madrid, we recently met with leaders of the Orthodox Christianity in Greece and plan to attend a meeting with the World Council of Churches in South Korea later this year. I feel that is my responsibility—to try to increase as much as possible contacts with different faiths.

I also feel that it is very important to get younger Jews involved in this type of dialogue. I hope that we can teach young Jewish leaders to develop these types of friendships and skills of communication.

JNS: What were some of the major topics discussed at the recent summit in Madrid?

Ehrenberg: Many of the major topics that were discussed were issues that both faiths have in common: combating racism, extremism, and violent attacks on religious institutions.

"The issue of religious freedom was an extremely important topic as well. We discussed recent efforts [by some European countries] to curtail kosher slaughter or legislation outlawing male circumcision, as well as prohibitions by some countries against wearing religious symbols such as the kippah, Magen David or even crosses.

Both groups [Jewish and Catholic] are also deeply concerned with the continuity of their faiths and youth involvement. We shared some of our ideas on how to involve younger people.

JNS: Were there discussions on the Middle East, the Arab-Israeli conflict, or persecution of Christians in the region?

Ehrenberg: We did not discuss directly the Arab-Israeli conflict. But we did discuss attacks on faiths in the Holy Land, persecution of Christians in the region, and radicalization. However, this was not only limited to the Middle East; we had an across-the-board discussion of extremism on the far left and right.

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Pope Francis I

JNS: What other agreements or initiatives came out of the summit?

Ehrenberg: "We discussed the upcoming 50th anniversary of Nostra Aetate and how we can mark this. While the Catholic community in the West, especially the United States, is well aware of Nostra Aetate and the healthy relationship with the Jewish people, there are still many communities around the world where it is not well known, and we feel it needs to be taught more in Catholic schools, seminaries and churches."

JNS: Since taking office, Pope Francis has made a number of positive statements concerning Judaism, such as praising Jews for "keeping their faith in God" and saying that a true Christian "cannot be anti-Semitic." Having met Pope Francis, what do you think of him and how does he compare to his predecessors?

Ehrenberg: Pope Francis has a very strong relationship with a wide swath of Latin American Jews and was very supportive of the Jewish community following the Buenos Aires terrorist attack in 1994. We believe this is extremely positive. He understands the concerns of the Jewish community. With the Catholic Church so influential in Latin America, this is very important step with the election of Pope Francis. There are a lot of attempts of radical groups making inroads there, particularly Iran. [With his election] this makes the Jewish community feel much more confident to counter any attempts by extremists to destabilize Latin America and beyond.

JNS: With Catholic-Jewish relations at a historically high level, what's next? What would you like to see more progress on?

Ehrenberg: I would like to see more progress on a fight against religious discrimination of all forms, including anti-Semitism. Religious extremism has resurfaced in recent years globally and we need to address this. We should be able to work more to speak out against anti-Semitism, persecution of Christians and end any efforts to curtail religious freedom. When you have strong friendship and understand each other's concerns, like we now do with the Catholic Church, we are seeing a great chance to work together for common ground on these issues. ■

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Popsicle Oneg, 7 p.m.

Traditional Shabbat Service, 7:30 p.m.

Prospective Member and Learner's Shabbat Service

Friday, November 1, 7:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Levy and Cantor Rose for a Shabbat welcoming prospective members. This annual learner's service will be led by TBE Youth.

Adult Hebrew Classes

Tuesdays and Wednesdays November 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, and 27, 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Hebrew classes for adult learners at all levels. Hebrew 102 and 103 offered at Temple Beth Emeth on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. respectively and Hebrew 104 offered on Thursdays at 5 p.m. Tuition is $180 per term for members of either Beth Israel or Temple Beth Emeth congregations. Tuition for full-time college students is $50 and for non-members is $200.

Sisterhood Chanukah Baazar

Saturday, November 9, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Sunday, November 10, 3–7:30 p.m. TBE Social Hall.

Everything you need for Chanukah and more! Gelt, candles, dreidels, menorahs, gift wrap, toys.

Shalom Gever

Mondays and Wednesdays, November 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 27, 4:15–8 p.m.

Temple Beth Emeth's Martial Arts for Health, Fitness and Self-defense. Come feel the energy! Open to grades K-12. Grades K-2 meet from 4:15-5 p.m. , grades 3-5 meet from 5:15-6 or 6:15-7 p.m., grades 6-9 meet from 7:15–8 p.m., and grades 10–12 meet from 7:15–8 p.m. Questions? Contact Rabbi Peter Gluck at info@shalomgever.com or SooJi Min at 665-4744.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Levy

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Noon–1 p.m.

Come for an informal discussion about the intersection between religion and science. All sessions are held in the Adult Lounge and are open to the community. Lunch is not provided, bring your own.

Beit Café

Sunday, November 4, 7-9 p.m.

This year, learn with TBE clergy, an Israeli scholar, Moshe Maoz, and TBE congregants Virginia Murphy, Rita Benn and Liz Fried. Topics range from "Muslim Attitudes towards Jews and Israel" to "Contemporary Jewish Literature" to the "Essence of the Great Jewish Melody to Mind-Body Medicine." As always, there is a dessert and coffee reception between the two sessions.

Men's Torah Study

Monday November 4 and 18, 7:30–9 p.m.

Temple Beth Emeth's Men's Torah study meets twice a month for an evening of learning. Refreshments served. For more information, contact Roger Stutesman, rgstutesman@sbcglobal.net.

Women's Torah Study

Wednesday, November 6 and Monday. November 18, at 7 pm

For centuries, women were not encouraged to study Torah. Times have changed and women are encouraged and empowered to study Torah with the same vigor as men. Join in for a unique experience to study and discuss what the Torah has to say through the voices of women. Contact Cantor Annie Rose at cantorannie@gmail.com for more information.

Torah Trop Class

Every Monday in November, Noon

Cantor Rose leads class members through the trop (cantillation) of the weekly portion, discussing the implications of the trop on the text. This year we will focus on Haftarah portions and trop for the fall and winter, and Torah portions and trop in the spring. Class members are not required to know trop; materials will be provided to explain the system as we go through the year. The Torah/Haftarah discussion is completely participatory. All insights welcome! For further information, email Cantor Rose: cantorannie@gmail.com.

Musical Meditations

Tuesday, November 5, 12, 19, and 26, 5:30 p.m.

Cantor Annie Rose collaborates with John Goodell, St. Clare's Music Director, in musical meditations in the sanctuary. For more information, email Cantor Annie Rose, cantorannie@gmail.com.

Spirituality Book Club

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m., Thursday, November 21 at noon

November's Book: *Here I am* and *Seven Prayers that can Change your Life* by Dr. Leonard Felder Join Cantor Annie Rose for the fourth season of the spirituality book club! All are welcome to come to every meeting or on occasion for specific books of interest. Choose either the day time or evening session. Widely ranging topics highlight our list of books by: Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger, Sylvia Boorstein, Karen Armstrong, Harold Kushner, Rodger Kamenetz, Abraham Joshua Heschel, Leonard Felder, Brian Weiss, and Michael Krasny. This book club is for firm believers, non-believers, gentle skeptics, and interested seekers. For more information, contact Cantor Rose, cantorannie@gmail.com.

Spirituality Weekend with Dr. Leonard Felder

Friday, November 22, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 23, TBD

During his presentations at TBE's Spirituality Shabbaton, Dr. Felder will draw upon themes from Here I Am and Seven Prayers that Can Change Your Life. The entire Ann Arbor Jewish community is welcome to this event. Kol Halev will be joining the congregation in song during services and an oneg in honor of Cantor Annie Rose will take place afterwards. Workshops on Saturday will feature Dr. Felder and address topics such as: How to use Jewish tools for your most stressful moments; A Jewish approach for when to intervene and when to make space for empowering the other (in a relationship, at work, as a caregiver, as a parent or teacher), including Jewish mystical teachings; and How to deepen connections to Jewish spirituality and prayer. Contact Cantor Rose at cantorannie@gmail.com for more information.

Erev Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Rabbi Levy will lead the joint annual Temple Beth Emeth/St. Clare's annual Thanksgiving Service. Lights will also be lit for the first night of Chanukah.

Annual Brotherhood Latke Dinner and Chanukah Family Service

Friday, November 29, 6 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m.

Join Temple Beth Emeth's Brotherhood for an annual Latke Dinner. Cost is $11 per adult and $5 per child ages 12 and younger. RSVP to Temple Beth Emeth, 665-4744. Make Chanukah crafts and stay for the Chanukah Family Service and bring a menorah from home as TBE illuminates the Sanctuary in celebration of this festival of lights. ■

November activities at Beth Israel Congregation

Elliot Sorkin, special to the WJN

Talmud Study: The Holidays of the Year

Thursday evenings, November 7, 21, December 5, 7:45 p.m.

The Talmud covers many different subjects relating to Jewish law and custom. One of the areas which is most relevant is the discussions on the holidays of the year. During each of the self contained sessions of this class, the focus of this class will be on a different holiday, and the participants will read a section from the Talmud debating a specific custom relating to that holiday; some customs will be familiar, while others might be somewhat surprising. The text will be available in Hebrew or Aramaic, as well as in English. No knowledge of Hebrew or Aramaic is necessary in order to participate. Rabbi Robert Dobrusin will facilitate this series.

Lunch & Learn Series

Wednesdays, November 3, 13, 20, noon–1:15 p.m.

Garfunkel Schteingart Activities Center (2010 Washtenaw)

Rabbi Robert Dobrusin and Rabbi Kim Blumenthal lead informal discussions on current topics. Participants are invited to bring a dairy lunch. Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Friday Night Lights And Consecration

November 8, 6 p.m. Service, 7 p.m. dinner

This is a family friendly service and dinner program which includes Consecration for all Gan and Alef students in Religious School or Hebrew Day School. The Shabbat is welcomed at 6 p.m. with a Kabbalat Shabbat Service, which is followed (approximately at 6:45 p.m.) with a dairy dinner. The cost for each dinner is $8 for adults and children over 4 years old. Children under 4 years old eat for free. The deadline for rsvps is Monday, November 4.

New Member Shabbat and Tailgate Kiddush

Saturday November 9, 9:30 a.m.

New member families will be called up to the Torah for a group Aliyah on this date. After the service, a meat kiddush with hot dogs, veggie dogs, chili, coleslaw, potato salad and chips will be served.

"How to be a Friend to a Friend Who's Sick"

Tuesday evening November 12, 7 pm., JCC

Beth Israel Congregation and Beth Israel's Mitzvah Connection are sponsoring this well-known author and national figure, Letty Cottin Pogrebin, who will be introduced by Rabbi Robert Dobrusin.

Everyone knows someone who's sick or suffering. Yet when a friend or relative is under duress many of us feel uncertain about how to cope. Throughout her recent bout with breast cancer, Letty Cottin Pogrebin became fascinated by her friends' and family's diverse reactions to her and her illness: how awkwardly some of them behaved; how some misspoke or misinterpreted her needs; and how wonderful it was when people read her right. She began talking to her fellow patients and dozens of other veterans of serious illness, seeking to discover what sick people wished their friends knew about how best to comfort, help, and even simply talk to them. This book distilled their collective wisdom.

A founding editor and writer for *Ms. Magazine*, Pogrebin is also the author of ten books, among them two memoirs—*Getting Over Getting Older,* and *Deborah, Golda, and Me: Being Female and Jewish in America*—the novel, *Three Daughters*; the feminist classic; *How to Make it in a Man's World*; and the recently published, *How to Be a Friend to a Friend Who's Sick*.

Letty Cottin Pogrebin is a graduate of Brandeis University. She lives in New York.

The Beth Israel's Mitzvah Connection feels that this lecture will be very useful to all members in our community, and in particular to volunteers or potential volunteers in congregations or helping agencies.

Shabbat Limmud

Saturdays, November 2 and November 23, 9:45 a.m.

Adults are invited for Torah study over coffee and cake. The discussions, led by Rabbi Robert Dobrusin are informal, lively and participatory. The study begins with traditional texts and participants add their own thoughts on the Torah or Haftarah portion of the week.

Tot Shabbat

Saturday, November 9 and 23, 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat is a Saturday morning program/service for parents and their children 2 – 5 years old which includes songs, stories, and prayers. This program is run this month by Peretz Hirshbein on the 2nd Saturday of the month, and Jacob Kander on the fourth Saturday of the month. It includes the mysterious "Shabbat Box," Torah processions with stuffed Torah toys, and a Kiddush for tots. Preschool sized tables are set up for the regular Kiddush so that families may easily attend with their children following Tot Shabbat.

Mini Minyan (Kindergarten–2nd grade)

Saturday, November 9

At Mini Minyan, kids celebrate Shabbat with the songs and stories they loved from Tot Shabbat while also learning prayers and discovering more about Shabbat and other holidays through discussions, games, and activities. Mini Minyan meets the second Saturday of the month throughout the school year, ■

Keeping your head above water

Rabbi Aharon Goldstein, special to the WJN

In the Torah portion we will read on Saturday, November 9, called "Vayeitzei" we read about Jacob leaving his parents. After angering his brother Esau by getting the firstborn's blessing from Isaac, his parents suggested he spend some time away from Esau by going to his mother's brother Laban's encampment. There are many lessons to be learned from the manner in which Jacob leaves Be'er Sheva, this beautiful place of learning in the holy land of Israel, in the presence of his holy parents, and travels to live and thrive in a place of treachery and mendacity.

God gives us Torah and mitzvoth in abundance throughout our lives. In any direction we turn we are obligated to perform many mitzvoth. This includes both positive and negative mitzvoth. So we might be prompted to ask, "If God wants us to do so many mitzvoth, why aren't we exempted from all of the mundane tasks and challenges of daily living?"If we didn't have to worry about making a living and keeping a household we could spend more time studying Torah and doing mitzvoth. The answer to this question can be found in this week's Torah portion.

Jacob was considered special even among the patriarchs. His offspring became the Jewish people. All of his children stayed within the fold of Judaism. Abraham and Isaac had children who did not become part of the Jewish people. Jacob was forced by circumstances to leave Be'er Sheva. This city is the home of the seventh water well over which peace was made—a peaceful place to live a holy, spiritual life. To where is he headed? To Charan, a place that would not be considered peaceful or holy or spiritual. In fact the word Charan is often used to describe anger—a negative, difficult place. So, Jacob had to make a spiritual descent from living in Be'er Sheva to living in Charan. While in Be'er Sheva he sat with his father Isaac and studied Torah. It was easy for him to be able to learn Torah and do many mitzvoth. Dealing with wrongdoing and evil was very distant to him, as he was surrounded with holiness. But now he was going to Charan, "descending" to Charan if you will, in the spiritual sense. Charan is described as the place of the world's anger—a negative place where there is much wrongdoing and little righteousness. Why?

Jacob understood that his mission in life was not to be limited to a peaceful life of easy Torah study amidst the purity and holiness of his parents' home. That was only the first stage of his life. It was the necessary foundation to prepare him for the challenges he would face during the rest of his life where he would have to overcome the evil and negativity of the world and elevate it to holiness.

This is also a metaphor for the larger existential question of why God made man and the physical world. God created our bodies and placed our souls in them and placed us in this physical world not so we should seek to withdraw ourselves and insulate ourselves from the harsh realities of this coarse existence. Rather, our mission in life is to engage in the stark realities of this physical world and use our power from learning Torah and doing mitzvoth to overcome the lowness and darkness and make the world a better, holier place for our having been here. However, there is an innate temptation to become overly involved—mentally attached in a way, to the trials and tribulations of daily physical existence.

Nevertheless, in order to overcome these challenges, we must conduct our behavior in a certain way. We can learn the details of this process by observing Jacob's actions when he left the idyllic environment of his parents' home. On his way to Charan, the Torah tells us, it grew dark and he went to sleep. Before he went to sleep he took the rocks from the place where he slept and he placed them around his head. Rashi explains that he made it in a u-shape around his head to protect him from the wild beasts that were roaming there during the night. If Jacob wanted to protect himself from the wild beasts why did he only surround his head and not his entire body?

The Lubavitcher Rebbe explains that this is a great lesson to us. In truth, Jacob wasn't concerned about the physical wild beasts—he was concerned with confronting, challenging and overcoming the spiritual "wild beasts"—these new, unfamiliar, impure powers—on his trip from the lofty spiritual environment of his parents' home to the spiritually lowly environment of Charan. So placing the rocks around his head was for the purpose of "keeping his head in the right place"—protecting his pure intentions from the influence of the "wild beasts." Jacob was on his way to live with people who led a different way of life. He was going to have to make a living. But he declared that only his body would be involved with the mundane world, his "head" or mind would remain in a higher state, focused on his mission and training thus guiding the rest of his body in proper conduct.

The sages tell us to eat according to the labor of our hands but don't allow our soul and life-force and inner powers to become involved and attached to our physical needs.

A story concerning the fourth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Sholom Dov Ber, is told from the early part of the previous century in Russia. Someone developed a new device for protecting shoes from the rain, mud and snow. They came to be known as galoshes. These were garments that were placed over the shoes to protect them from the dirt of the outside world. When one came to a home, the galoshes, with the dirt and debris of the outside world, would be removed and left at the door and one could then enter the house with clean shoes and not soil the home. There was a particular Chossid who was very deeply involved in the business of the manufacture of these galoshes. When he came to visit the Rebbe in Lubavitch, the Rebbe said to him " I have seen how people put their feet into galoshes but now I am seeing how you are putting your head into galoshes." This means that he was becoming too involved in the material world and thus had lost focus at the expense of his spiritual life and was veering off-course in his life's journey. Similar to that is a phrase we find in the Torah—one should earn a living with the hard labor of one's hands. It doesn't say to labor hard with your head. This echoes Jacob's story in that a person should be involved in the physical world primarily with their "extremities" rather than with too much involvement with their personality and sense of self, i.e.; their head. If our "head" is aloof from the involvements and demands of the mundane world, we can stay focused on our priorities and what is more important in life—so to speak, to stay above the fray. The sages tell us to eat according to the labor of our hands but don't allow our soul and life-force and inner powers to become involved and attached to our physical needs. Keep your head free to study Torah and do mitzvoth. This is how one is supposed to live a Jewish life and create a Jewish home. This is what Jacob did on his way to Charan. This is how he stayed successful in the environment of Charan and Laban. He overcame all the challenges presented there and was still able to raise a holy Jewish family.

So the answer to the question of why God gives us all these challenges is that only through the overcoming of challenges do we reach a higher spiritual level than before.

The answer to the second question of how do we overcome these challenges is by remaining focused on our Torah studies and mitzvoth which will enable us to live a moral and ethical life without getting overly involved in the mundane activities of our physical existence. Our "head", our soul and deeper spiritual powers should remain holy and protected while the rest of the "body" is involved in the necessities of our physical needs. ■

Is there a November dilemma this year?, continued from page 1

as eagerly as I anticipate Pesach or Yom Kippur, and that holiday, of course, is Thanksgiving.

There is no holiday on our American calendar like Thanksgiving. Good food, family and friends, football games, fall weather - what a combination! Our family, as is true for so many, has our Thanksgiving rituals. We start with making desserts on Wednesday evening and spend part of Thanksgiving morning volunteering by helping to serve a free dinner offered by a local restaurant. Then we return home, each doing our part for the preparation of the meal - my specialty is stuffing - sitting down to a dinner with friends, making sure that the dog has some turkey, and taking that nice walk after eating too much, passing other overfed neighbors as we walk around the neighborhood. Then I watch football over a late dessert and everyone is happy.

If you ask me my favorite holidays of the year, expecting to hear me talk about Pesach, Sukkot and Purim, you'll be surprised. Prepare to hear the answer "Thanksgiving" in the top 3.

I am writing about Thanksgiving here in the *WJN* because this year, we are going to experience something unprecedented and something never to be experienced again. This year, Thanksgiving is in danger of being upstaged, so to speak, in Jewish homes because the first night of Chanukah occurs on *erev* Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day will be the first day of Chanukah.

I am concerned about this calendar oddity because I think that we, as Americans, should be very careful not to take Thanksgiving lightly. I want to make sure that Jews don't think that we should forego the customs of this American holiday in deference to Chanukah. We shouldn't.

Now, God forbid, I'm not suggesting you refrain from lighting the Chanukah menorah on the first two days of the holiday. We should do so proudly. And, of course, we all should consider adding potato latkes alongside the turkey and stuffing on the first day.

But, as is true of so many areas of this balance between being a Jew and being an American, you don't have to make a choice. You don't and you shouldn't. In fact, this year, as every year, we should observe Thanksgiving with every bit of the passion and the joy and the sincerity that this holiday deserves.

Actually, it is important to note that there is a connection between Thanksgiving and Chanukah, although it is a secondary one.

Thanksgiving was patterned after the harvest holiday of Sukkot and, according to the book of Maccabees, the victorious Maccabees celebrated their rededication of the Temple by observing the eight day holiday of Sukkot that they had missed because they were engaged in fighting the war. Since Sukkot was an eight day festival, they celebrated for eight days. So, there is a link between the two holidays as both Chanukah and Thanksgiving have a connection with Sukkot.

But, more important than any connection with Chanukah is the fact that Thanksgiving's serious themes of gratitude and appreciation and the simple joy of gathering with family and friends to enjoy the earth's bounty are such genuine Jewish themes. We should celebrate the holiday with feeling and with joy as it expresses values so important to us as Jews.

So, this year on Thanksgiving/Chanukah make sure to buy the turkey or the tofu turkey, make the sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, do it all, go the whole route. Don't let the Jewish calendar discourage you. You can still light the Chanukah menorah in a house with the smells of Thanksgiving.

There is a beautiful tradition relating to the Chanukah candles. We are taught to place the Chanukah menorah in the window to publicize the miracle. However, according to Jewish law, in times of danger that tradition is not observed - the candles are placed inside the house.

I cannot urge you strongly enough to place your *hanukkiah* in the window. It identifies your home as a Jewish home and exemplifies how proud we are to be Jews and how secure we feel here in this country.

However, this year, on the first two nights of Chanukah, I think we should consider putting something else in the window next to the Chanukah menorah, something that will proudly declare that the observance of Thanksgiving will also be taking place in this home. Use whatever seems appropriate to you: one of those cheap turkey centerpieces, a sign which says "Happy Thanksgiving," or anything else you can think of. This would say to those outside that we are not only proud to be Jews, we are also proud to be Americans and that this oddity of the calendar will not prevent us from embracing this most important of all of our civic holidays.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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"No Office Day" at Hebrew Day School

Hadar Dohn, special to WJN

Ask heads of school or principals what most excites them about education, and they will often answer, "the children!" Administrators know that observing students in their classrooms allows them to experience the students' enthusiasm for learning and to understand what works and what does not work. All too often school administrators find themselves disappointed that their time in the classroom is limited due to circumstances or meetings that take precedence.

David Truss, a principal in Vancouver, Canada, has started a new trend- 'No Office Day' and the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education (PEJE) has challenged day school administrators to participate. The idea is simple although not easy; carve out a day early in the school year and spend the entire day in classrooms. As the Head of School at Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor, I recently set aside my own 'No Office Day' and held myself accountable by announcing it to the staff and parents.

Some teachers planned for me to actively participate in the lesson, others asked me to assist in the lessons that I saw. I spent the day watching teachers masterfully engage children in learning, probe and guide understanding, exercise children's imaginations, provide individualized attention, and demonstrate a true appreciation of each child.

Dedicating longer periods to visit classrooms gave me a window into our students' days. I had opportunities to converse with groups and individual students and connect on a personal level. Kindergarteners played with an old calculator, using it to expand their imaginations by pretending that it was a machine that can transport you to any address that you type. Also, as we read a book together, the students used clues from the illustrations and text to make predictions about the story. Everywhere I went, students were engaged and immersed in their learning, and they were eager to share with me.

A common theme that ran through all the grades was a desire to get to know one another more closely. In the third grade, for example, as an opener for their state unit, students interviewed me about my life in California. At recess, I was invited to join in play and gain a new appreciation for the informal learning that happens on the playground.

The day gave me a clearer insight into the soul of Hebrew Day School. Jewish values, personal connections, individualized attention, and multiple entryways into topics guide the teaching and learning. Learning at HDS goes beyond books and knowledge. 'No Office Day' has proven to be a critical element of an administrator's toolkit. I intend for this practice become a new routine. I hope to schedule several days during the year in order to build even stronger connections with the students and faculty. ■

Avram Kluger becomes Keshet director

David Shtulman, special to the WJN

Avram Kluger recently became director of Keshet, Ann Arbor's Hebrew language instruction program for high school students. Keshet enables Ann Arbor youth to study Hebrew after school and receive foreign language credits in their high schools. Ann Arbor public schools do not offer Hebrew language classes themselves.

Avram Kluger

Keshet, with funding from the Jewish Federation, in-kind support from Temple Beth Emeth and Beth Israel Congregation, and contributions from parents, hires university-qualified Hebrew instructors to teach a curriculum on three proficiency levels. Based on the university of Michigan Hebrew curriculum, each year of Keshet provides the student with the equivalent of one semester of university language. Students who participate in Keshet for the full four years of high school should be able to test out of two years of Hebrew language in college.

Participating students have commented that they especially enjoy Keshet because the classes contain students from all the Ann Arbor high schools, because clases are divided according to Hebrew language proficiency rather than grade level and because they say they learn the language much more quickly than their other language classes.

Participating students include native Hebrew speakers, Day School graduates and participants from congregational schools. Most of the 9th grade students who participate in Federation's Nahalal Student Exchange Program return home and enroll in Keshet because they are eager to learn Hebrew to be able to better communicate with their Israeli friends in Nahalal and plan to return in the future.

Growing up in the United States Kluger learned Hebrew in after school programs. When he chose to immigrate to Israel, having a working knowledge of Hebrew made it so much easier to find his place in Israel, develop friends and find a job. In addition, it is exciting to bring together Jewish students with common interests from across Ann Arbor who might never meet otherwise and watch new friendships develop.

To learn more about Keshet, or experience a class, contact Avram Kluger at avram.kluger@gmail.com or 680-6882.

One candle for tzedakah Chanukah celebration

Noreen De Young, special to the WJN

The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor (JCC) invites the community to a unique Chanukah celebration. On Tuesday December 3, from 6 –7:30 p.m., guests will enjoy a latke dinner with *sufganiot* (jelly donuts) for dessert, followed by community candle lighting, a Chanukah songfest, children's activities, face painting and more. The unique twist is that participants are asked to purchase a toy for donation to the local "Toys for Tots" drive, instead of exchanging gifts on this one night. All gifts should be brought to the JCC unwrapped and donations will be accepted the week prior to this event for those unable to attend. The cost for the program is $5 per person or $15 per household. RSVP to the JCC front desk at 971-0990. For more information, contact Noreen De Young at noreendeyoung@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

Collaboration is ECC's head teachers' goal

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

Last spring, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center (ECC) faculty from multiple age groups and classrooms collaborated on a re-imagining of the ECC's well-known "Trip to Israel" curriculum. The result was a lively two-week long experience that had children, teachers, and parents buzzing for weeks afterwards. Teachers from different classrooms worked together to share ideas for transforming their environments into places in Israel. The teachers worked with their students to develop interesting activities that they could share with students from other classes. This experience was so positive and energizing for the school, that it was clear that fostering further collaboration in a systematic way would be wonderful for the ECC.

To facilitate this goal, Michelle Paris and Susan Horowitz have been promoted to the newly created positions of head teacher for preschoolers and head teacher for infants and toddlers. Their primary goals are to foster an exchange of ideas between classrooms, serve as consultants to teaching teams, mentor newer members of the faculty, and provide responsive support to teachers. Of her new role, Horowitz said, "I think it is really helpful for teachers to have a sounding board in someone who is dealing with the same challenges every day. It has also been really useful to the whole pod to have a point person to help with needs as they arise. "

Although only in the role for a month, Paris says that it has been gratifying to "see another team dealing with a challenge and be able to offer help without being intrusive. I am really excited about the new level of teamwork that we are seeing. In both of our preschool rooms the exchange of ideas has led to learning environments that really reflect a shared philosophy and a real sharing of ideas. Our teams aren't competing – they are working collaboratively to make all of our classrooms better."

Paris has been an ECC teacher for 12 years, and holds a master's degree in the Art of Teaching. Horowitz has been an ECC teacher for seven years. Her master's degree is in early childhood education. Both teachers are well-respected by the faculty of the ECC, and both have been honored multiple times by the ECC Parent Teacher Organization with the school's yearly Krislov Award for Early Childhood Staff Excellence.

For more information on the JCC's ECC, contact Peretz Hirshbein at peretzhirshbein@jccfed.org or 971-0990.

JCC Early Childhood Center earns NAEYC re-accreditation

Peretz Hirshbein, special to the WJN

After going through a rigorous and demanding yearlong process, the Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor's Early Childhood Center (ECC) has successfully earned reaccreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. NAEYC is the nation's leading child advocacy organization, working with legislators and policy makers to improve the lives of young children.

Since 1985, NAEYC has offered a national, voluntary accreditation system to set professional standards for early childhood education programs, and to help families identify high-quality programs. Today, NAEYC Accreditation represents the mark of quality in early childhood education. Over 6,500 childcare programs, preschools, early learning centers, and other center- or school-based early childhood education programs are currently NAEYC-Accredited. These programs provide high quality care and education to nearly one million young children.

To earn re-accreditation, the ECC went through a self-study process, documenting compliance with over 600 separate early childhood criteria. To earn re-accreditation, the ECC would have to show compliance with 80% of the criteria within ten major standard areas. At the end of this process, an assessor from NAEYC spent two days in June at the ECC, observing in the classrooms, and poring over binders full of documentation of the ECC's practices.

The staff of the ECC waited on pins and needles for the results of the NAEYC assessment and in early September, the ECC received the results. Not only had the ECC passed, it was commended by NAEYC for scores of 100% (or more) in six of ten program standards. To learn more about NAEYC, visit www.naeyc.org. To learn more about the ECC, visit www.jccannarbor.org, email ecc@jccfed.org, or call 971-0990.

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Ethan Krasnow, special to the WJN

Parents looking for a place for their students to be on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, and on the day before Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 27, should worry no more. The Jewish Community Center of Greater Ann Arbor is offering two fun-filled School's Days Out programs.

The November 5 program will feature a trip to the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum to learn about science, technology, art, and engineering. The registration deadline for this program is Wednesday, October 23. The November 27 program will feature a trip to Marvelous Marvin's Arcade Museum in Farmington Hills. Participants will receive $5 in quarters for game-play at the museum (Participants may also bring additional money). The registration deadline for this program is Wednesday, November 13.

For each of these programs, drop-off begins at 7:30 a.m. and pick-up is at 4 p.m. The cost is $40 for JCC members or $65 for non-members for each of these programs. Aftercare is available from 4-6 p.m. for an additional fee of $10 per child (unless the child is already signed up for that day of Kids Club). Lunch is not provided. Participants should bring a nut-free, meat free lunch.

Spots fill up fast and are available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, contact Ethan Krasnow, youth director, at 971-0990 or ethankrasnow@jccfed.org.

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Russia's meteoric Mideast rise, and what it means for Israel

By Alina Dain Sharon and Sean Savage/JNS.org

Fresh off brokering a deal to place Syrian chemical weapons under international control, Russia has reasserted itself as a Middle East power player, hearkening back to the days of its Cold War status. Israel, meanwhile, enjoys much stronger bilateral relations with Russia than it did during the Soviet era. But will Russia's meteoric rise in the region change the nature of that relationship?

Observers point to Russia's long-standing support for the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, close contact with Iran, and veto power on the U.N. Security Council as examples of its attempt to undermine U.S. supremacy in the Middle East for the sake of its own strategic goals. Russia often seems to say one thing and do another, critics of the country say, a fact that is also reflected in its surprisingly strong—though complex—relationship with Israel.

Russian President Vladimir Putin once warned Israel of an impending Syrian poison gas attack, and Israel was the first country he visited after he was first elected. At the time, Putin spoke of how pleased he was to visit a country where more than a million Russian-speakers reside. But when it came to the recent Syrian chemical weapons crisis, Israeli-Russian relations weren't as cordial.

"We've asked the Russians to stop supplying certain kinds of weapons to the region. We didn't always get the answer we wanted," Israeli Deputy Defense Minister Danny Dannon told JNS.org.

In September, Russia unexpectedly capitalized on U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry's comment that the confiscation of Syrian chemical weapons would prevent U.S. military action against the Assad regime, immediately pitching a plan to place the chemical weapons under international control just as U.S. President Barack Obama was preparing to seek congressional approval for an attack on Syria.

Tatiana Karasova, head of the department of Israeli and Jewish Community Studies at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Academy of Sciences of the Russian Federation, told JNS.org that a U.S. attack on Syria—which never materialized—would have been "a painful blow for Russia, as it would manifest as evidence of Russia's weakness, its inability to save its strategic ally." An attack "would have completely destroyed its authority in the Middle East and consequently its image of a global power," she added.

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Jerusalem on June 25, 2012

"The idea of putting Syrian chemical weapons under international control gives a chance to prevent an American aerial attack on Syria, and would allow Russia and the U.S. to finally reach points of agreement," Karasova wrote in an email interview that was translated from Russian.

Prior to its Syria initiative, Russia utilized its veto power on the U.N. Security Council to oppose efforts by Western powers to levy heavy sanctions on the Syrian regime.

To date, Russia's Mideast alliances have not prevented it from cooperating with Israel in the areas of the economy, diplomacy, armaments, science, culture, and education, among other fields—a marked change in policy regarding the Jewish state that began two decades ago.

In the wake of the 1967 Six-Day War, the Soviet Union had cut off diplomatic relations with Israel. From that time through the early 1990s, the relationship between Russia and Israel was marred by "a legacy of mutual misunderstanding, mutual demonizing representations and the absolute lack of objective information" in each nation about the other, Karasova said.

Russia's intolerance of Israel also extended to Russia's own Jewish community. Even toward the end of the Soviet regime, there was still "extraordinary hatred and anti-Semitism that pervaded every single aspect of the Soviet administration," said Isi Leibler, an international Jewish leader who was deeply active in Russia at the time. Leibler was arrested and expelled from Russia in 1980 but was later invited back, launching the first Jewish cultural center in the Soviet Union.

Under the presidency of Boris Yeltsin, the Russian government began to normalize Russian-Israeli relations. Later, Putin began a transition to a pragmatic policy and economic diplomacy, resulting in friendly relations with both Arab states and Israel.

But that doesn't mean current Russian-Israeli relations should be seen in a vacuum, according to Karasova.

"It's no secret that Russian-Israeli bilateral relations still depend on the level of Russian-Syrian, Russian-Iranian and Russian-Palestinian relations. This is why relations between Russia and Israel can only be explained in the context of a broader regional strategy," she said.

Putin sees Israel as a nation with high economic, military, scientific, and technical potential, with close ties to global major powers. Russia also has common social and humanitation interests with the Jewish community in Russia, and with the Russian-Jewish community in Israel. In fact, along with a change of attitude towards Israel, there has also been a significant change in the modern Russian goverment's attitude about its own Jewish community.

"Putin himself has repeatedly expressed his extremely negative attitude toward anti-Semitism in all its forms," Karasova said.

According to Mark Levin, executive director of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ), Russian Jews are now "not dealing with state-sponsored anti-Semitism, which is a big shift." The fact that a million Russian Jews immigrated to Israel in the 1990s and now reside in the Jewish state "had an impact not only internally, but on how Russians and the Russian government view Israel," he said. "It doesn't mean all the problems have disappeared... but [Russia] is a much different country than once existed 25-30 years ago," Levin said.

Statements Putin made about his pride regarding Israel's Russian-Jewish community "would never ever have been made by his Soviet predecessors," according to Leibler. But while Putin "doesn't dislike Jews," it is also important to consider that the Russian president is "not a philo-Semite," he told JNS.org.

Russia and Israel still have different attitudes regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Russian political cooperation with Israel's traditional opponents, particularly Iran and Syria, continues to be a factor, as is Israel's tendency to fear Russia's political and financial instability.

The fact that Russia also maintains its support for the Palestinians in United Nations votes is

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Jihad without borders

By Boaz Bismuth/JNS.org

Terror has been rearing its ugly head throughout the world lately.

In Kenya, a Somalia-based, al-Qaida-linked rebel group, al-Shabab, burst into Nairobi's Westgate shopping mall and murdered dozens of victims in cold blood. In Nigeria, at least 160 people were massacred in two attacks by the radical Islamist organization Boko Haram. In Pakistan, a terrorist blew himself up outside a church in the city of Peshawar, killing more than 80 members of Pakistan's Christian minority.

In Israel, terror struck as well. Over the holiday of Sukkot, two soldiers paid with their lives. IDF Sgt. Gal (Gavriel) Kobi took a single lethal bullet to his neck in Hebron. Forty-eight hours earlier, Sgt. Tomer Hazan was murdered by his Palestinian host, Nidal Amar. During the same week, Iran, a country that supports and finances terrorism, sent its president to the U.N. General Assembly as if he were a beacon of peace.

The attack in Kenya should ring alarm bells for the world. Osama bin Laden may be dead, but al-Qaida and its satellite organizations are alive and kicking. There is something very symbolic about the fact that Kenya is once again the target of a terror attack. This captivating country, so beloved of tourists, was the target of an attack in 1998 that served as a harbinger of the global terrorism we have experienced since the twin towers attack on Sept. 11, 2001.

The 1998 attack in Kenya was the first salvo in a global terror war that has been raging for more than a decade, a war that affects many countries, and creates strange alliances, even between countries that don't have diplomatic relations.

On Aug. 7, 1998 at 10:40 a.m., a loud explosion was heard in central Nairobi coming from the direction of the U.S. Embassy. At almost the same time, a near identical explosion occurred near the U.S. Embassy in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. A total of 213 people were killed and 4,000 were injured in Nairobi on that day. The two truck-bomb explosions were the starting signal of al-Qaida's war on the West as a whole, and the U.S. in particular.

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The World Trade Center towers up in smoke on 9/11/01

Still, no one saw the (bloody) writing on the wall. In Europe, anyone speaking of global terrorism was considered paranoid. University students turned out theses on the theme of tolerance, merely repressing the danger. They explained that terrorism is the weapon of the weak, because what other choice do weak people have? No one believed that within a few years, those same jihadists would operate in Madrid, London and Toulouse.

Six months earlier, in February 1998, bin Laden, from his lair in Afghanistan, had declared the establishment of a World Islamic Front for Jihad against Jews and Crusaders. This was bin Laden's declaration of war against the infidels. Even before the 9/11 attack, al-Qaida began seducing jihadist organizations from Egypt, Pakistan and Bangladesh to join him. But nobody understood what was about to happen.

The roots of terror

Before the 9/11 attacks, al-Qaida had sent a clear signal in October 2000. Two terrorists in a small boat blew themselves up next to the USS Cole destroyer, anchored in Yemen. Analysts in the U.S. said at the time that the attack was in response to unrest in the Palestinian territories. The attack coincided with the start of the Second Intifada, and there were many Palestinian and pro-Palestinian activists in Yemen at the time.

U.S. President Bill Clinton even said on the morning of the attack, "If [the terrorists'] intention was to deter us from our mission of promoting peace and security in the Middle East, they will fail utterly." That statement proved inaccurate, to say the least.

In 2008, Barack Obama entered the White House, with the promise of ending America's wars abroad. With a Nobel Prize in his pocket, he brought the troops home from Iraq and established a target date (2014) for ending the war in Afghanistan. In a speech to the nation last February, Obama even explained how America had overcome al-Qaida, following the killing of bin Laden, on his watch.

The main message Obama wished to transmit was that Washington's priorities are changing. The Middle East is out, Asia and the Pacific are in. But ironically, the attack on Nairobi brought Obama back to his roots—politically and personally.

In a recent column in *USA Today*, journalist and novelist Louise Branson wrote that Obama, whose father was born in Nairobi, should support

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Israel's latest Nobel laureate

By Alina Dain Sharon/JNS.org

What is behind Israel's recent string of Nobel Prize winners?

It could be that Israelis have a practical way of thinking and strong strategies for solving difficult problems, says Arieh Warshel, who last month was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry for his role in developing computer programs that simulate "large and complex chemical systems and reactions."

An Israeli-American professor at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, Warshel focused on enzymatic reactions within an all-Jewish team of three researchers sharing the prize. His fellow winners are Michael Levitt, a professor at the Stanford University School of Medicine who holds Israeli, British, and American citizenships; and Martin Karplus, a professor at Harvard University and the University of Strasbourg who holds American and Austrian citizenships.

Warshel and Levitt join a long list of recent Israeli Nobel laureates, particularly in chemistry. Dan Shechtman of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology won the chemistry prize in 2011, and Ada E. Yonath of the Weizmann Institute of Science won in 2009.

In an exclusive interview with JNS.org, Warshel said that his main motivation as a scientist is "to be the first to solve how things are working."

"If the motivation is to make money… those people won't do original science," Warshel said, calling this phenomenon "equally bad in Israel and in America."

The announcement that Israeli citizens working abroad, like Warshel and Levitt, had won the Nobel Prize sparked a media debate in Israel on the country's "brain drain," where promising young professionals leave the Jewish state for better academic and industrial opportunities.

When it comes to governments funding science, Warshel believes that investing in many smaller research projects is better than investing in "one flashy project." The work of Warshel and his counterparts has long been supported by American federal science grants, but resources are still limited, and in both Israel and the U.S. it has become "less and less likely that the best idea will be funded," he said. During the 1960s, in the laboratory of Shneior Lifson at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Warshel and Levitt developed a computer model describing molecules classically, as composed of atoms, and predicted the structure of proteins under various conditions.

According to Warshel, atoms can be described as balls being bonded by springs. You can model a molecule by taking actual balls and connecting them with real springs. Then you can follow how the balls, representing atoms in a molecule, are connected, vibrate, and move.

But in a manmade model, the balls would soon fall apart because of gravity, whereas in molecules the gravitational force is negligible. The alternative is to build a computer model that simulates the behavior of a real molecule. Assuming that the atoms in the molecule behave according to Newton's laws of physics, which are expressed by classical mechanics theory, and encoding the equations that describe Newtonian movement into the computer program, the behavior of the molecular system can be simulated.

One cannot, however, describe the breaking of a chemical bond with classical mechanics, as a ball and a spring. Warshel's particular interest has been in modeling enzymatic reactions. Enzyme molecules are complex proteins that exist in most living organisms and engage in catalysis, which often involves the breaking of chemical bonds.

The Schrödinger equation, formulated in the 1920s by the Austrian physicist Erwin Schrödinger, describes how electrons are attracted to the nuclei of atoms. From this development evolved the field of Quantum Mechanics—an essentially different way of looking at a molecule, from the perspective of subatomic particles, like electrons, that exist inside it. Quantum Mechanics computer modeling creates a map of an entire environment depicting where the electrons are likely to be and allowing researchers to predict what may happen next. But using Quantum Mechanics to calculate and model an entire environment of atoms that will interact with themselves, and with the electrons, becomes difficult for medium or large-sized molecular systems. It would take years to model larger systems in this way, so Warshel and his fellow researchers developed improved computer modeling systems that look at the molecule both in terms of its classical particles (atoms) and its subatomic particles, like electrons.

"When you do it you actually start to understand how enzymes work," Warshel explained.

The Swedish Nobel Prize academy called the work by the three scientists "ground-breaking in that they managed to make Newton's classical physics work side-by-side with the fundamentally different quantum physics…. Previously, chemists had to choose to use either/or."

There are also practical, real-world implications for the research, both in the commercial world and in medicine, Warshel told JNS.org.

For example, laundry detergent often has an enzyme that helps it digest dirt from clothes. Hypothetically, the enzyme protein could digest too slowly, or stop working when the temperature rises. "Since this program allows you to understand exactly how [an] enzyme is working, you [could know how to] change some… amino acids in the enzyme, and make it work better," Warshel said.

There are also enzyme proteins in the body that can mutate and cause cancerous cell division, according to Warshel. "If you understand how they work, you can try to find a way to make the broken enzyme not be so effective. In principle you could look for a drug that when it is bound to the enzyme, it will make it stop working," he said.

A similar scenario involves the HIV virus. When a new drug that is blocking an enzyme protein in the virus is developed, the virus changes sequence and stops binding well to the drug. But it is possible to look at the enzymes in the virus and analyze the mutations by which the virus tried to unbind and evade the drug, and the mutations that make the normal chemistry of the virus go on. Based on those two factors, researchers can suggest the next move of the virus. "It's like playing chess," Warshel said. "In the cases where you want to understand how the virus or parts of it change in order to have resistance to drugs, knowing to model both the chemistry and the binding, and also knowing to model how stable the enzyme will be, is useful, and I believe would be more useful in the future," he said.

According to statistics recently reported by *Haaretz*, Jews comprise 0.2 percent of the world population, yet 22 percent of all Nobel laureates have been Jewish. Warshel suggests that one factor behind this phenomenon is described in the book *The Chosen Few: How Education Shaped Jewish History*, by Maristella Botticini and Zvi Eckstein, which stipulates that the survival of the Jewish faith—and by extension the survival of the Jewish people—has depended for centuries on the ability to read the Torah, enabling Jews to ultimately broaden their own education and develop practical skills. This strongly differentiated Jews from many other populations that for centuries were generally illiterate.

In Warshel's estimation, there is yet another theory behind Jewish scholarly and scientific success, one that is simpler and hits closer to home.

"There is the idea of the Jewish mother," he quipped. ■

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not as significant an issue as Russia's relationship with Iran, Leibler said, noting that most European nations and Asian countries like India also vote in favor of the Palestinians. Yet overall, it is a "big mistake" to suggest that Israel and Russia are allies, Leibler believes.

"The American people and the American congress do have shared interests with Israel. I can't say that those shared interests with Russia would apply in any way in a similar basis," he said.

Back in the days when Russia and Israel had no diplomatic relations, the Soviet Union was a major benefactor for Syria, along with Egypt and Iraq, in their wars against Israel, noted Dmitry Trenin, director of the Moscow Center at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

When Egypt switched its allegiance to the U.S. following the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Russia kept its close ties with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, Bashar's father. To this day, Russia maintains a naval base in the Syrian port city of Tartus, conveniently located within the heartland of Assad's Alawite sect. More recently, the Syrian civil war has become "a huge problem for Russia, as well as others, generating more extremism in the region which can spill over well beyond the Middle East," Trenin told JNS.org. Russia has backed Assad, believing that despite his misgivings, he remains a better alternative than the Islamist rebel groups or worse.

"[Russian leaders] thought Israel had been better off with a dictator next door who had not fired a shot in their direction in nearly four decades," Trenin said.

Although Israel has attempted to stay out of the Syrian civil war, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Oren told The Jerusalem Post in mid-September that the Jewish state "always wanted Bashar Assad to go" and "always preferred the bad guys who weren't backed by Iran to the bad guys who were backed by Iran."

Despite Assad's ties to Iran and to Hezbollah, Trenin told JNS.org that Russia may actually be more concerned with the growth of Sunni extremism, particularly in Chechnya in the north Caucasus mountains, where Russia has been fighting Al-Qaeda-linked extremists such as the Caucasus Emirate for decades. In fact, Russia may not have a stellar reputation in other parts of the Middle East. Arab Gulf leaders have historically criticized Russia's policies in Chechnya and are distrustful of Russian ties with Shi'a Iran.

Russia is using its involvement in the Middle East to uphold "the world order based on national sovereignty and the U.N. Security Council's supremacy in matters of the use of force, checking Islamist extremism, and achieving equality in Russia's own relations with the United States," Trenin said. "Essentially, Russia's position on Syria is not about Syria," he said.

Leibler believes that the Russian chemical weapons plan "has in a sense created an environment throughout the world of a declining American power [and] has brought the Russians back in a much stronger way in the Middle East," in part due to the lack of resolve on the part of the Obama administration.

Russia can only strengthen its allegiance with Israel "by being on the same page on what Israel considers its most important issues," according to NCSJ's Levin. That is not the case right now, he said, as the Russians are motivated by their quest to seek an upper hand over America in the region.

"They like to poke the United States in the eye," Levin said. ■

—With reporting by Ben Cohen

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Kenya's efforts to battle terrorism and visit Kenya as a sign of solidarity.

"After 9/11, the French newspaper *Le Monde* famously carried a headline: We Are All Americans," Branson wrote. "After the Nairobi attack, the message should be 'We Are All Kenyans.' Not just in our sympathy. But also in going all out to prevent another terrorist attack."

Power games

Modern terrorism is a big problem for the countries where it operates. It hurts not only their security and citizens, but also their economies. Terror organizations—like al-Shabab in the Horn of Africa, Al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb (AQMI) in western Africa, and even terror groups in the Sinai Peninsula—all engage in criminal activity to finance their activity. AQMI terrorists, for instance, specialize in smuggling cigarettes and alcohol via the Sahara desert. Kenya has added al-Shabab to its list of organized crime groups in the country.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta admitted that his country is getting help from "friendly countries." Israel was the first country mentioned as such, after it provided logistical assistance with the Nairobi hostage crisis, advising the Kenyan government.

Israel is a leader in the global terror war, but the diplomatic situation does not allow its involvement to be out in the open. Senior Israeli intelligence officers describe how in the 1990s, they warned friendly countries about the coming global jihad and were repeatedly rebuffed.

In any case, Jerusalem understood even then that the world is changing, that Israel needs partners. For this reason, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government worked to forge new alliances and to strengthen ties with friendly nations in Africa, like Uganda and Kenya.

What Israel, Kenya and Uganda have in common is the problem of nonfriendly neighboring countries. Somalia, a member of the Arab League, has become a problem for other countries in the region. Some even see it as a new Afghanistan, because it lacks a centralized government that can force its authority on all the factions in its territory.

A prize for destruction

Terrorism cannot defeat the West, but it can definitely disrupt daily life, and we must concede that over the last decade it has not done a bad job of it. Witness the security checks before boarding airplanes or at the entrances to malls. The Muslim world suffers from jihadist organizations, which make them look bad, but nevertheless they oppose those who seek to fight terror. Witness the double game played by Saudi Arabia.

Terror can destroy a country, especially one that lacks many resources and whose situation is sensitive. This is what is happening in Mauritania, where I served as Israel's ambassador for four years. In the past, this western African country attracted tourists and even the prestigious Paris-Dakar motor race once passed through its territory. After the attacks began in 2006, tourism plummeted and the organizers of Paris-Dakar decided to move the event to South America.

Now, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has been granted a grace period after using chemical weapons on civilians, and Iranian President Hasan Rouhani arrived at the U.N. as if he were the man the world was looking to for salvation. After they helped sow terror, Assad and Rouhani may yet receive a medal for liberating us from it.

In our world, it seems, anything is possible. ■

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Celebrating Thanksgivukkah

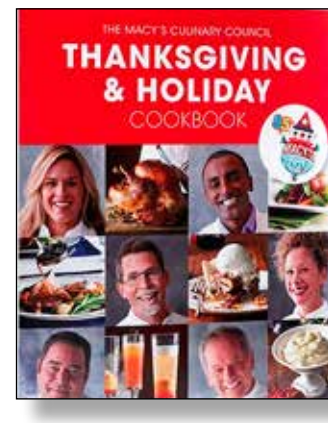
Mary Bilyeu, staff writer

What a convergence—Thanksgiving and Chanukah, Chanukah and Thanksgiving. Many people are planning to serve latkes with their turkey, rather than the standard mashed potatoes. Why not do both? It's a day of feasting, after all! And there are lots of other delicious things to serve, as well; Thanksgiving is a day when side dishes get to shine. It's not just a meat-'n'-potatoes day, but a meat and yams and corn and rolls and green beans and cranberries day.

In looking for recipes to offer you this month, I thought about the merging of two such important holidays, of finding recipes appropriate to serve for both. What book could I use? I know there are dozens of holiday cookbooks, and many specific to each of the holidays we'll celebrate on the 28th.

But in my mind, Thanksgiving is always connected to Macy's. I grew up in New York City, at 69th and Central Park West, just a few blocks from where the annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade begins its route near the American Museum of Natural History. We would go to the parade every year, but I would inevitably get cold; anyone who knows me is aware that I'm cold all the time - winter, of course, and summer, too, when everyone else has the air conditioner on (and set far too chilly for my liking). My mother would then bring me upstairs to our apartment, where I would drink cocoa and watch the rest of the parade, as well as the performances outside Macy's itself, on television.

So I thought to myself, "I wonder if Macy's has published a cookbook?" So many stores do, it didn't seem like too strange a notion. Then I wondered, "Hmmm, I wonder what the chances are that Macy's has not only produced a cookbook, but actually produced one specific to its chosen holiday, Thanksgiving?" The chances were slim, but I started searching online.



And yet... there, on my computer screen, I saw it: *The Macy's Culinary Council Thanksgiving & Holiday Cookbook*. Yay!

"Equal parts cookbook and keepsake, this beautiful book pays tribute to the parade and the thousands of men and women who make it happen. Packed with delightful photographs and fascinating surprises, it includes a colorful history of the parade and a behind-the-scenes look at how it comes together today." But mostly there are recipes: festive food for Thanksgiving and for other holidays, offered by "the 13 superstar chefs of The Macy's Culinary Council."

These chefs are some of the most influential in the country, with restaurants, television appearances, lines of cookware and ingredients, and great ideas for holiday dishes that are both traditional and yet updated. The Council members giving creative ideas and suggestions for Thanksgiving feasting include: Emeril Lagasse offering a "Parade Party," Tom Douglas sharing a "Left Coast Thanksgiving," Marc Forgione updating a "New Classic Thankgiving," Cat Cora contributing "A Southern Thanksgiving," and Nancy Silverton providing suggestions to transform "Leftovers for Lunch." Other members look at a broader spectrum of year-end events and their attendant celebrations: Wolfgang Puck tempts with a "Holiday Brunch," Tim Scott offers a "Holiday Open House," Rick Bayless shares "Christmas at Home," Todd English serves a "Feast of the Seven Fishes," Marcus Samuelsson contributes "An American Julbord," Ming Tsai shares a "Dumpling Party," Michelle Bernstein noshes at a "Hanukkah Dinner," and Takashi Yagihashi welcomes readers to a "New Year's Eve Party."

The cookbook offers lovely dishes to serve as you first light the menorah on Wednesday evening, the 27th, as well as a fabulous array to complement your Thanksgiving dinner and the second night of candle lighting. Since, as noted above, this is a feast where side dishes become stars, let some of Macy's celebrity chefs offer selections which will truly enhance your meals - tradition, but with a bit of a twist. Each of the three recipes I've chosen uses, or even highlights, the oil that is integral to the celebration of Chanukkah but without losing sight of the turkey and its attendant trimmings.

As different as these two holidays may seem, they are both opportunities for reflection and for gratitude. Each is a celebration of survival against tremendous odds, a celebration of life. Each is an occasion to gather loved ones together for a meal, for sharing an abundance of traditional and ritual foods, for sharing memories, for sharing love and happiness.

Wishing you and your loved ones very happy holidays, since we'll be celebrating two at once. I'm accustomed to making jokes about Chrismukkah, as both Christmas and Chanukah get attention at my house. But this year, it's Thanksgivukkah at all our homes!

Roasted Sweet Potatoes with Red Pears and Balsamic Glaze

Rather than serving the usual yam dishes, "give these easy, yet sophisticated sweet potatoes a try."

½ cup pecan halves
4 large sweet potatoes (3-1/2 pounds total), peeled and cut into 1" cubes
4 slightly under-ripe red pears, halved, cored, and cut into 1" cubes
8 shallots, quartered
¼ cup olive oil
1½ teaspoons salt
½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon dried thyme
3-4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
1 small head radicchio, cored and very thinly sliced
¼ cup chopped fresh sage

Preheat the oven to 325°F.

Spread the pecans on a small-rimmed baking sheet, place in the oven, and toast, shaking the pan occasionally, until the nuts take on color and are fragrant, 15-20 minutes. Remove from the oven, let cool, and then coarsely chop. Set aside for garnish. Raise the oven temperature to 450F.

In a large bowl, combine the sweet potatoes, pears, and shallots. Drizzle with the olive oil, sprinkle with the salt, pepper, and thyme, and toss to distribute the oil and seasonings evenly.

Divide the mixture evenly between 2 rimmed baking sheets and spread in a single, even layer on each sheet. Make sure the vegetables and pears aren't too crowded so they will roast evenly. Roast until browned and tender, about 30 minutes.

Using a metal spatula, transfer the vegetables and pears to a warmed serving bowl, being careful to scrape up all the tasty browned bits on each pan bottom. Add 3 tablespoons of the vinegar, the radicchio, and the sage and toss well to combine. Taste and adjust with more vinegar, salt, and pepper if needed. Garnish with the pecans and serve immediately.

Serves 12-15.

Sautéed Greens with Meyer Lemon and Garlic

"Cat treasures Thanksgiving because it's one of the few days when she and her wife turn off the cell phones, watch the parade on TV with their four kids over mugs of eggnog, and then spend the whole day cooking together."

4 pounds Swiss chard or kale, tough stems removed and leaves coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons kosher salt, plus more to season
½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
6 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
6-8 tablespoons fresh Meyer lemon juice (from 3-4 lemons)
freshly cracked black pepper

Bring a large pot three-fourths full of water to a boil over high heat. Add the greens and the 2 tablespoons salt. Bring the water back to a gentle boil, cover the pot partially, and cook until the greens are tender, 4-5 minutes.

Place a large colander in the sink. Drain the greens in the colander and let them sit to drain and cool for about 10 minutes. Once the greens are cool enough to handle, squeeze all the excess moisture from them with your hands. (The recipe can be completed up to this point several hours in advance. Set the greens aside at room temperature for up to 2 hours, or refrigerate if longer.)

In a large sauté pan, heat the olive oil over medium-high heat until it shimmers. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, until it begins to brown, 1-2 minutes. Add the greens and sauté until heated through, 2-3 minutes. Remove from the heat, add half of the lemon juice, season to taste with salt and pepper, and toss well.

Taste again and adjust the seasoning with more lemon juice, salt, and pepper if needed. Transfer to a warmed serving bowl or platter and serve right away.

Serves 6-8.

From Cat Cora

Butter Lettuce and Shaved Fennel Salad (slightly adapted)

"Michelle grew up celebrating Hanukkah. 'Well, not so much the holiday,' she clarifies. 'We celebrated the eating part.' That meant a little candle lighting, a little gift exchanging, and a lot of food - all homemade, with a mix of family favorites and new ideas."

1 large head butter lettuce, separated into leaves
1 fennel bulb, trimmed and shaved as thinly as possible
1 cup oil-cured black olives, pitted
1 head Belgian endive, leaves separated
1/2 cup fresh tarragon leaves

Dressing:
2 tablespoons + 1-1/2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
6 tablespoons olive oil
kosher salt and freshly ground pepper

In a large salad bowl, combine the lettuce, fennel, olives, endive, and tarragon and set aside. To make the dressing, put the lemon juice in a small bowl. Slowly whisk the olive oil into the lemon juice to form an emulsion. Season with salt and pepper. Pour the dressing over the salad and toss to coat evenly.

Serves 6-8.

From Michelle Bernstein

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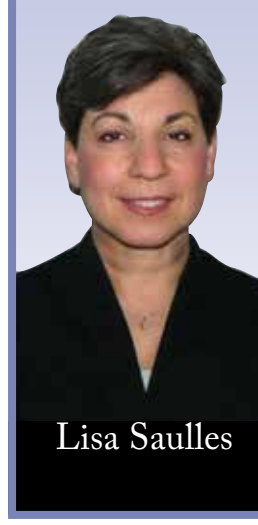

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Two authors worth exploring

Rochel Urist, staff writer

Joyce Carol Oates' 2003 novel, *The Tattooed Girl*, is dedicated to Philip Roth. She doesn't explain, but given the parallels between this book's fictional professor, Joshua Siegl, and the real-life Philip Roth, it is tempting to conclude that Oates pays tribute here to Roth, who seems to have inspired the character of Siegl. Both are aging, reclusive, intellectuals. Each is a college professor. Each found success early in their careers, Roth with the publication of *Portnoy's Complaint*, and Siegl with the publication of *Shadows*, a holocaust novel based on his paternal grandparents' victimization by Nazis. Philip Roth resists being dubbed a "Jewish writer." So does Siegel, who also feels stymied and overrated, despite international renown.

Joyce Carol Oats

The more Siegl is lionized, they more isolated he becomes. Ditto for Roth. They are discomfited by readers' assumptions and miscalculations. They grow impatient with their readers' limited imaginations. The literal-minded, in particular, assume that any words printed between covers of a book must reflect historical truth. When certain readers discover that a novel is the work of informed imagination, even if the novel is labeled "historical fiction," they shout "fake!" – as a character does in this book. Siegl is dismissed as a fraud. To such readers, history has no truck with art.

Siegl lives in a fictitious town called Carmel Heights, near Rochester, NY. By chance, he meets a waif, new to town and poorly educated. Something about her prompts Siegl to hire her as his assistant. Unbeknownst to Siegl, Alma hooks up with an abusive, exploitative, thieving, anti-Semitic young fellow, one Dmitri, who happens to work in the restaurant that Siegl regularly visits. Dmitri often waits on Siegl, who tips extravagantly. The young man is grateful but envious. The envy turns to hatred. Eventually, to regain Dmitri's love—and the love of her crude, absent, violent, and possibly dead father, she announces that she will kill Siegl. Suspense builds. Oates brings to bear her trademark sleight of hand to create a series of plot twists that offer unpredictable turns. By the time the novel ends, our expectations have been upended several times over.

Siegl is accused of stealing the experiences of others. His efforts to instruct the world about horrors past, to resurrect his forebears, victims of the holocaust, are thrown in his face. "You made it all up! You pretended you were there, and you weren't. It's all lies." Siegl's wish to avoid seeing history repeat itself is turned on its ear. People see what they want to see. History will follow age-old patterns. Hatred and prejudice do not die.

Joyce Carol Oates gives new meaning to the word "prolific." Her opus clocks in at 133 volumes. They include 53 novels (some under pseudonyms), 28 short story collections, eight novellas, and assorted collections of plays, essays, poetry, and fiction for children and young adults. She has an enviable array of literary awards. There have long been murmurings that she will win the Nobel Prize. In the meantime, her accomplishments are astonishing.

Closer to home, another author warrants mention. Joan Kadri Zald has written a memoir entitled: *A Call from Egypt: A Jewish Woman's Search for Her Muslim Family*. In it, she sleuths out her family history from memories, letters, phone calls, and ultimately, a visit to Egypt. There she meets her paternal family, long absent from her circle of acquaintances. She writes with insight, compassion, and a keen intellect. She explores the lives of her spunky parents who defied tradition and expectation by marrying each other. Her mother was born to Jewish parents, her father to Egyptian Muslims. The marriage failed, but the parents did their best to shield Joan, their only child, from their pain. Still, the tensions were palpable. And Joan missed her father.

Joan Kadri Zald

Zald is confronted by the existence of her father's family when his second wife appeals to her for help. By the time Zald gets that call, she is married with three children. She agrees to do what she can. Eventually, she travels with her two older children to meet her paternal family in Egypt. To their delight, the Egyptian family members welcome the American Jewish branch of the family with open arms. Zald and her children happily bond with newfound aunts, uncles, and cousins. The trip opens new worlds.

Zald's story is compelling. The writing is straightforward, lucid and organized. It is invigorating to follow her, as she investigates people's memories, refusing to accept either praise or disdain at face value. Zald brings to bear the professional tools of her trade; she is a clinical social worker. Her training comes in handy and contributes to her story in meaningful ways. Zald's voice is refreshing. As I finished her book, I was covered in goose bumps. ■

Mixed-up love: relationships, family and religious identity in the 21st century

Emily Eisbruch, special to the WJN

Nothing enlivens non-fiction like heartfelt personal stories. The new book by the Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation's rabbi, Michal Woll, and her husband Jon M. Sweeney, is full of engrossing true-life tales, which are all the more engaging as they're about a family living among us in the Ann Arbor community.

The book *Mixed Up Love, Relationships, Family and Religious Identity in the 21st Century* is woven through the stories of Michal and Jon's lives, including their separate spiritual journeys, their joining together as a couple and a family, and their experiences with a myriad of issues touching on identity and society.

Michal is a yoga-loving rabbi who started her career as a MIT-educated engineer and then moved onto the field of physical therapist before starting rabbinical school at age 38. Jon, on the very other hand, was raised as an evangelical Christian, studied at Moody Bible Institute, and journeyed to the Philippines with the aim of converting Catholics to Protestantism. However, Jon was a "miserable failure" as a protestant missionary, instead beginning to "fall in love with Catholicism," and he ended up converting to Catholicism in 2009. This conversion occurred just five days after becoming engaged to Rabbi Michal, whom he had met while both were living in rural Vermont.

A rabbi marrying a convert to Catholicism from Protestantism might sound nontraditional. Yet the book surely bears out its claim that "labels and differentiation seem to have much less value in our culture than they once did." After becoming familiar with Jon and Michal's story, one can certainly understand Jon's plea when queried about what he, as a Christian, is doing at a Passover seder. Jon asks, "Can't I just be here as a human being?" It was a major relief to this reader when a Jewish woman named Susie grabbed Jon's hand and said "Yes."

Michal and Jon's descriptions of their separate spiritual journeys are full of interesting detail. Michal shares her experiences with the Renewal movement of Judaism, and how her love of singing the liturgy played a strong role in her evolution toward rabbinical school. Both Jon and Michal are open to learning from eastern and earth-based religious traditions as well, such as when Michal lived in Flagstaff, Arizona, and soaked in some Native American traditions. The book provides somewhat less detail about the couple's careers (Jon is an author and publisher) and about their relationships before finding each other (each were previously married and divorced), but generally enough to round out the picture.

Michal Woll and Jon M. Sweeney with their daughter

Their courtship is sweetly described, first by Jon and then by Michal. Once the two become engaged, the book explores issues that interfaith couples face around informing their parents, creating a meaningful and satisfying wedding, establishing a home, deciding where to with worship, and raising children. The chapter on Michal and Jon's own wedding makes it clear that these two highly spiritual people, both of whom love ritual, created a beautiful triumph with their Saturday evening ceremony, starting with Havdalah, on a Vermont hillside in 2010.

The book includes short mentions of couples in other kinds of interfaith pairings, such as Muslim and a Christian. It does a nice job at looking at the data on interfaith marriage and on examining issues around same-religion couples who have different levels of interest in practicing their tradition.

Whether or not you yourself are in an interfaith relationship, this book tells a fascinating story and provides welcome insight about how our journeys of identity, faith, and spirituality play out in our lives in the 21st century. ■

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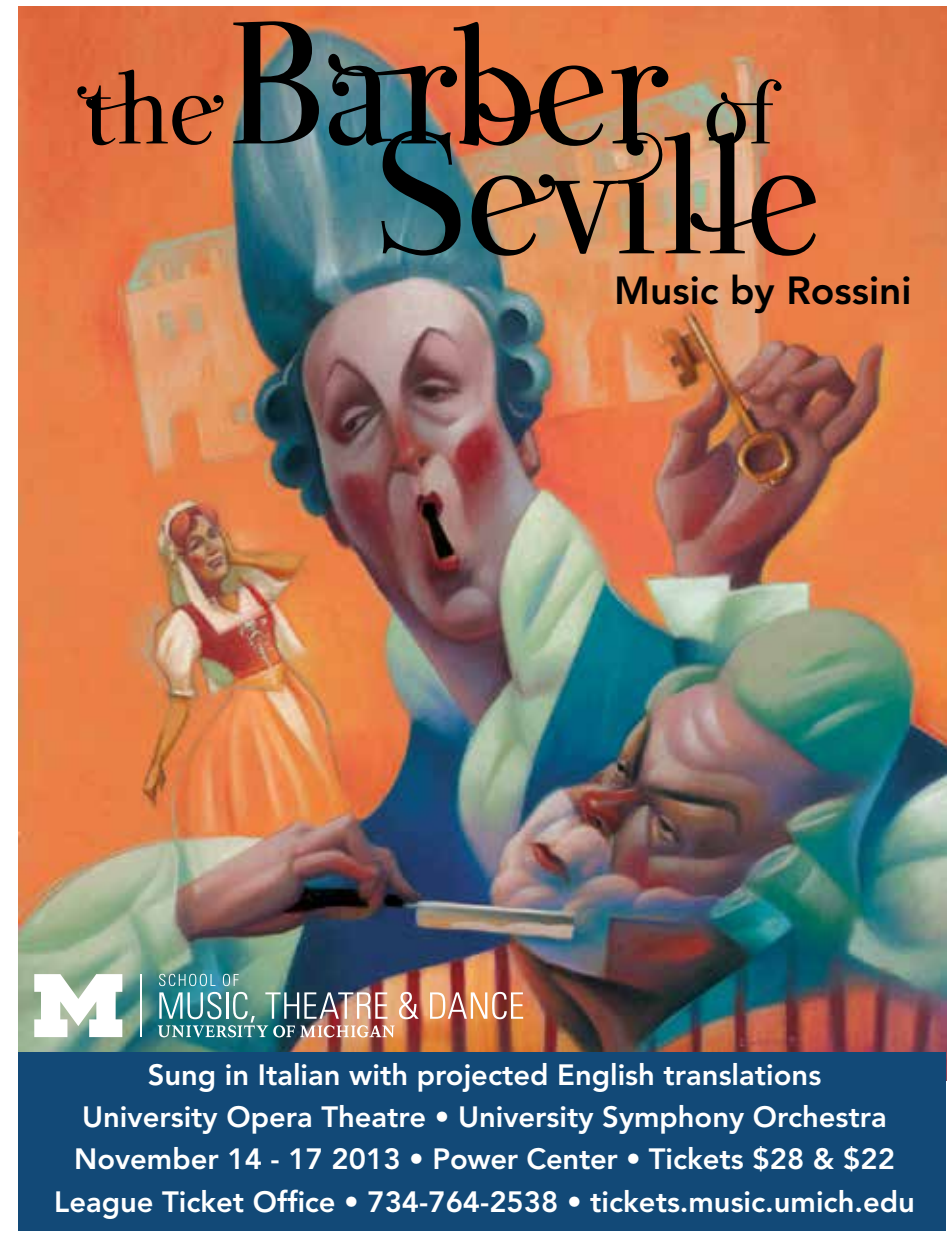
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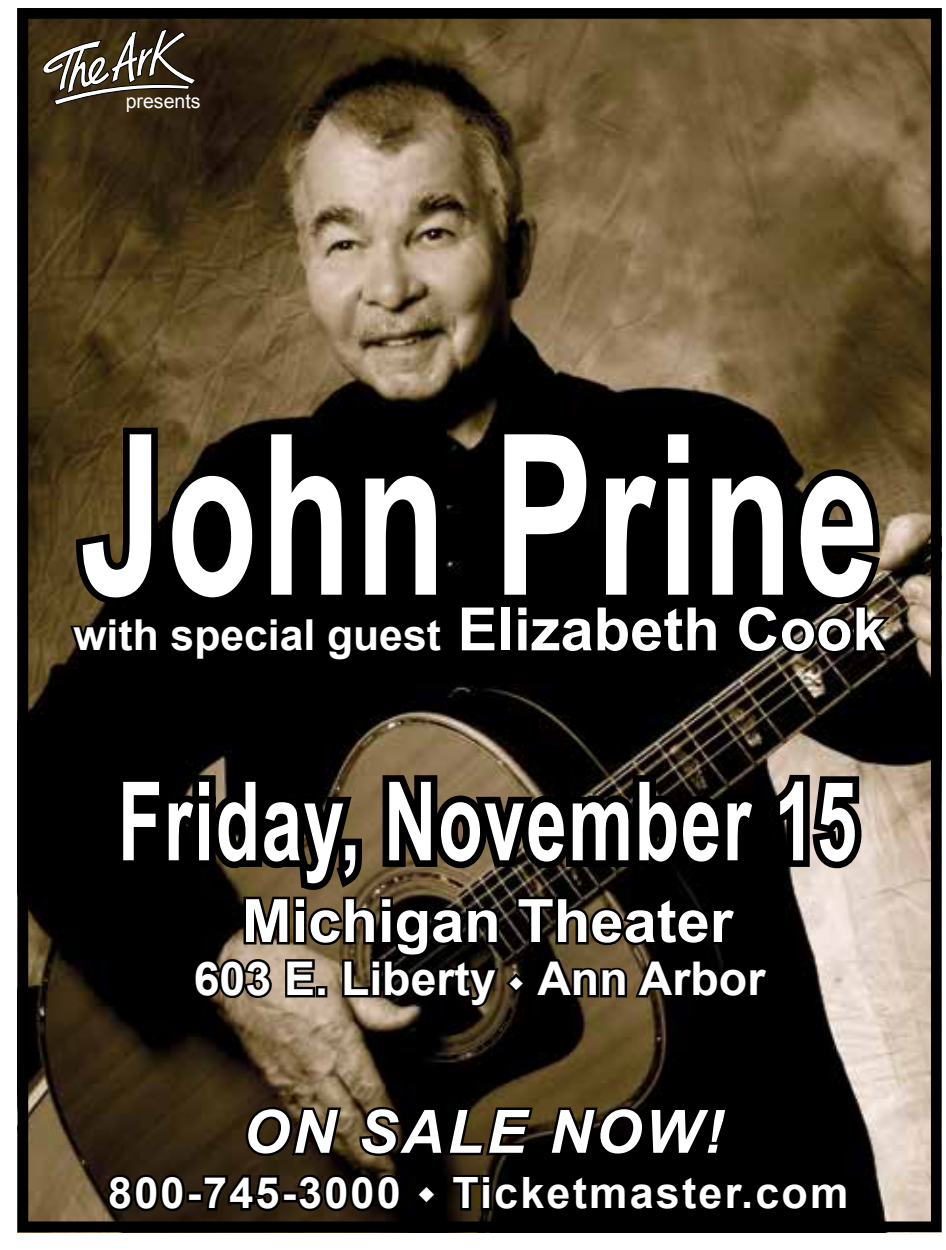
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Jazz at Kerrytown Concert Hall

Sandor Slomovits, staff writer

On Tuesday, November 5, the Kerrytown Concert Hall is presenting Shofar, a jazz trio from Poland. Sponsored by the Copernicus Endowment and the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan, the trio and their music are unusual in a number of ways. For starters, their instrumental configuration is not standard: Mikolaj Trzaska plays saxophone and bass clarinet, Raphael Roginski electric guitar, and Macio Moretti drums. Then there is their music: Shofar explores and creates a nexus between two seemingly quite disparate musical traditions, Hasidic melodies, *nigunim*, and free jazz. All three musicians are well known in jazz circles in Poland and Europe, Roginsky regularly plays in Israel, while Trzaska often collaborates with musicians in the US and globally. Though Shofar has toured in the US before, this will be their first time in Ann Arbor.

My street creds are extremely limited, to put it generously, when it comes to knowledge of Polish (or any other kind of) free jazz, so I turned for help to Piotr Michalowski, George G. Cameron Professor of Ancient Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, at the University of Michigan. Michalowski grew up in Poland and, in addition to his highly regarded academic work, is a jazz musician who has played a variety of woodwinds in a number of ensembles exploring creative improvisation. He also regularly writes about jazz and jazz musicians for the *Ann Arbor Observer.*

Michalowski: I heard Trzaska when he was here with Steve Swell, and I've followed his music for quite a number of years. He plays with various European and American free improvisers. There is a documentary that just came out about him in Poland, about him and his cohorts when they were young. He was part of a group called Milosc, Love, and a group of young people who had a kind of anti-jazz movement called jass. Polish jazz tended to be very, very conventional bebop, and their generation revolted against this, they belonged to a generation raised on all kinds of music. After they broke up, Trzaska really worked on his saxophone and clarinet playing, and became a very good musician. He's also a composer, he does a lot of different things, he's written a number of film scores, and while these films are not known in the States, some of them are quite important in Poland and people know him for that. He works with poets, he's also become an international player so he plays with Peter Rothman, he plays with Ken Vandermark and The Resonance Ensemble in Chicago. He plays in a number of groups.

He also belongs to the generation of people who were raised completely non-Jewish, in pretty non-Jewish environments, at least religiously, who have sort of returned to their Jewishness.

WJN: So he was born Jewish but not raised in the tradition?

Michalowski: Well, nobody in Poland was raised in the tradition after the war. Most religious Jews were either dead or went to Israel or to the West. And the ones who stayed for the most part were highly secular and often wouldn't tell their children that they were Jewish. I don't know if that happened to him or not, I don't think so. People didn't raise their children as Jews. There were no active synagogues; religion in general was frowned upon. Also, they just didn't want their children to suffer. But relatively recently his generation has been part of this revival of Judaism in Poland. I think his music is also partly a kind of reaction to a generation who is not Jewish who began discovering how important the Jewish component was in Polish life. Warsaw was one third Jewish before the war. Not all Polish Jews were Hassids. Polish Jewish life,

Shofar

especially in the urban areas, was extremely varied and very rich. The number of Yiddish language movies made in Poland and in Eastern Europe was enormous. There was this whole tradition of Jewish Theater, Yiddish Theater and then Yiddish movies, silent movies and finally talkies. It's amazing how many movie houses in Warsaw there were playing Yiddish movies, when films were really a major form of entertainment.

So there is a kind of active rediscovery of the Jewish past by non-Jews. And some of it is very nice, and some of it is kind of silly, including some of the klezmer bands… In an interview Trzaska speaks of klezmer with disdain, I think what he means is not the music itself, but rather what klezmer has become. What Shofar does is play a variety of music, but they also make this kind of anti-klezmer statements, partly because klezmer has become kitch. Shofar's idea is to create a kind of Jewish music for our time and not to be preserving… they're not the Wynton Marsalis of Eastern European Jewish music. My understanding is that they're trying to extend the tradition rather than to simply repeat it.

Some of the material they play actually comes from what would now be the Ukraine, which used to be a part of Poland before the war, but it's still considered spiritually Polish Jewry because that's where a lot of Polish Jews were before the war.

WJN: Most of their recent recording, Ha Huncvot, consists of material that the trio created out of their collaborative free improvisations, but there are three cuts that use traditional Hasidic melodies, nigunim and freylakhs, as the basis of their improvisations.

Michalowski: They've taken advantage of a book that was thought to have been lost, a book by a man named Moshe Bieregowski. His book disappeared and then was recovered. This fellow went around Eastern Europe, especially in the Ukraine, in the early 20th century, collecting music from Hasidic communities.

WJN: And Shofar plays both this ancient music, as well as where some Jewish music may be headed?

Michalowski: It's free jazz mixed with Jewish ecstatic. ■

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Friday 1

Rabbi Levy's Lunch and Learn: TBE. Informal discussion. Participants are welcome to bring lunch. Noon–1 p.m.

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7th Grade Shabbat Dinner: BIC. 7 p.m.

Shabbat Services for Families: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Traditional Shabbat Service: Prospective Members and Learner's Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 2

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah: TBE. 10 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 3

Social Action Committee Meeting: BIC. 10:30 a.m.

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Every Sunday.*

Monday 4

English as a Second Language Daily Classes: JFS. Ongoing class from 9 a.m.–noon on Mondays–Fridays and 1–3 p.m. on Mondays–Thursdays at Jewish Family Services, 2245 South State Street. For more information, contact JFS at 769-0209 or email jessica@jfsannarbor.org. *Ongoing.*

Shalom Gever: TBE. Martial arts for health, fitness and self-defense. Open to children in grades K–12. 4:15–8 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. Twice monthly evening of learning. Refreshments served. For information, contact Roger Stutesman by phone at 352-1170 or at rogerstutesman8707@comcast.net. 7:30 p.m.

Beit Café: TBE. Adult education series highlights the leadership of TBE members. Kings, Prophets, Sages: An Introduction to Jewish Leadership Models. 7–9 p.m.

Russ Collins Film Discussion Group: JCC. Monthly series of ten classes. Collins, Executive Director of the Michigan Theater and co-host of WEMU's Cinema Chat, leads discussions of movie plots and characters as well as the unique cinematic elements that send subtle messages to viewers. Films selected include popular blockbusters, independent films, thought-provoking dramas, intense thrillers and more. $90/JCC members; $110/non-members. (Cost prorated for those beginning after September.) Register in person or by phone at 971-0990. For information, contact karenfreedland@jccfed.org. 7 p.m.

Tuesday 5

Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): All ages and levels welcome including UM and non-UM participants. 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor of UM Michigan League. For information, call 936-2367.

Life in the Balance: Jewish Perspectives on Everyday Medical Dilemmas: Chabad. Are we obliged to prolong life even at the cost of terrible suffering? Should we legalize the sale of organs, such as kidneys, to save the lives of transplant patients? May a woman with a multiple-fetus pregnancy opt for fetal reduction, thus forfeiting the lives of some to possibly save others? When it seems that every available option is morally questionable, how do we decide? 9:30 am at Chabad and at 7:30 PM at the JCC.

Hebrew 104: TBE. 5 p.m.

Musical Meditations: TBE. 5:30 p.m.

Topics in Jewish Law with Rabbi Rod Glogower: Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. At the Lewis/Bernstein home, 1304 Cambridge. 8–9:15 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Every Tuesday.*

Wednesday 6

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Book Festival Lunch and Author Presentation: JCC. Lunch with Shelley Frisch, translator of Reiner Stach's *Kafka, the Years of Insight.* Lunch at Noon; $10/advance; $15/door. No cost for author presentation at 12:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. Martial arts for health, fitness and self-defense. Open to children in grades K–12. 4:15–8 p.m.

Hebrew 101: TBE. 5:30 p.m.

Hebrew 103: TBE. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Book Festival Author Presentation: JCC. Featuring Eric Goldman, author of *The American Jewish Story Through Cinema,* a groundbreaking study providing an understanding of the American Jewish experience over the last century. 7 p.m.

Women's Torah Study with Cantor Rose: TBE. For information, contact cantorannie@gmail.com. 7 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 7

Presentation: Frankel Center. "Gender, Translation, and Jewish Modernity," presented by Anita Norich, Frankel Fellow and Naomi Seidman, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley. 202 S. Thayer St., Room 2022 Thayer. For more information, see www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 12:15 p.m.

Book Festival Lunch and Author Presentation: JCC. Lunch with Shelley Marianne Szegedy-Maszak, author of *I Kiss Your Hands Many Times; Hearts, Souls and Wars in Hungary.* Lunch at Noon; $10/advance; $15/door. No cost for author presentation at 12:30 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4 p.m.

Talmudic Debates: The Holidays of the Year. BIC. Facilitated by Rabbi Robert Dobrusin. 8 p.m.

Talmud–Jewish Civil War: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study of the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Every Thursday.*

Friday 8

Rabbi Levy's Lunch and Learn: TBE. Informal discussion. Participants are welcome to bring lunch. Noon–1 p.m.

Book Festival Lunch and Author Presentation: JCC. Lunch with Shelley Sarah Erdreich, author of *Generation Roe, Inside the Future of the Pro-Choice Movement.* Lunch at Noon; $10/advance; $15/door. No cost for author presentation at 12:30 p.m.

Performing Art Series: JCC. Featuring the University of Michigan School of Music. Tickets at JCC front desk or by phone at 971-0990. $5/per person. For information, contact karenfreedland@jccfed.org. 1 p.m.

Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m. Tot Dinner at 1:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Traditional Shabbat Service and First Grade at 7:30 p.m.

Friday Night Lights and Consecration: BIC. Service at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m.

Adult Bar Mitzvah: TBE. 7:30 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 9

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50 a.m.

Chanukah Baazar: TBE Sisterhood. Social Hall. 9 a.m.–2 p.m.

New Member Shabbat and Tailgate Kiddush: BIC. 9:30 p.m.

6th Grade Shabbat Morning Program: BIC. 9:30 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10 a.m.

Shabbat Morning Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation. Participative community service integrates traditional liturgy with music, chanting and contemporary English readings. Includes Torah service and discussion. Led by Rabbi Michal Woll. For more information, call 445-1910 or email Rabbi Michal via www.aarecon.org/contact-us. At the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon.

Mini Minyan: BIC. For K–2nd Grade. 11:15 a.m.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Book Fair Sponsor Reception: JCC. Honoring Book Festival sponsors. 6:30 p.m.

Book Festival Author Presentation: JCC. Featuring Richard Breitman, author of *FDR and the Jews*. 7:30 p.m.

Presentation: Frankel Center. "U.S. Government Reaction to Kristallnacht," presented by Richard Breitman, American University. For more information, see www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. At the JCC. 7:30 p.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 10

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Planning Session: BIC Men's Club. 9:30 a.m.

Chanukah Bazaar: TBE Sisterhood. Social Hall. 3–7:30 p.m.

Book Festival Children's Program: JCC. "Sammy Spider's Birthday Celebration" featuring a pancake breakfast, games, crafts and guest storytellers. $5 per person. 9 a.m.

Book Festival Author Presentation: JCC. Featuring Joshua Safran, author of *Free Spirit: Growing Up on the Road and Off the Grid.* Light refreshments served. Noon.

"A Night at the O.K. Corral:" JCC. Book Festival event featuring Ann Kirschner, author of *Lady at the O.K. Corral: The True Story of Josephine Marcus Earp,* chronicling the story of the Jewish common-law wife of famed Western lawman and gambler, Wyatt Earp. Accessorize with cowboy and cowgirl attire and be entered into a prize drawing. 7 p.m.

Monday 11

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Torah Trop: TBE. Noon.

Lunch and Author Presentation: JCC. Lunch with Michal Woll, an ordained rabbi, and Catholic spiritual advisor Jon M. Sweeney, authors of *Mixed Up Love: Relationships, Family and Religious Identity in the 21st Century.* Lunch at Noon; $10/advance; $15/door. No cost for author presentation at 12:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. Martial arts for health, fitness and self-defense. Open to children in grades K–12. 4:15–8 p.m.

Annual Copernicus Lecture: Frankel Center. "Making History: An Intellectual Journey into the Hidden Polish Past," presented by Jan Gross, Princeton University. University of Michigan Museum of Art, Helmut Stern Auditorium, 525 S. State Street. For more information, see http://www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 5:30 p.m.

Book Festival Author Presentation: JCC. Featuring Mark Cohen, author of *Overweight Sensation: The Life and Comedy of Allan Sherman.* 7 p.m.

Tuesday 12

Book Festival Author Presentation: JCC. Featuring Sheri Fink, author of *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm Ravaged Hospital.* 12:30 p.m.

Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): All ages and levels welcome including UM and non-UM participants. Held at Beanster's Café, ground floor of UM Michigan League. For information, call 936-2367. 1:30 p.m.

Life in the Balance: Jewish Perspectives on Everyday Medical Dilemmas: Chabad. Are we obliged to prolong life even at the cost of terrible suffering? Should we legalize the sale of organs, such as kidneys, to save the lives of transplant patients? May a woman with a multiple-fetus pregnancy opt for fetal reduction, thus forfeiting the lives of some to possibly save others? When it seems that every available option is morally questionable, how do we decide? 9:30 am at Chabad and at 7:30 PM at the JCC.

Hebrew 104: TBE. 5 p.m.

Book Talk: JCC and BIC. "How to be a Friend to a Friend Who's Sick" by Letty Cottin Pogrebin. Program at JCC Book Fair. 7 p.m.

Topics in Jewish Law with Rabbi Rod Glogower: Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. At the Lewis/Bernstein home, 1304 Cambridge. 8–9:15 p.m.

Tea and Torah on Tuesday—for Women: Chabad. Reading the Torah may be easy, but understanding it is no simple matter. Study the text in the original, with the classical Rashi commentary. 8 p.m. *Every Tuesday.*

Wednesday 13

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Book Festival Lunch and Author Presentation: JCC. Lunch with Alan Salkin, author of *From Scratch,* a behind-the-scenes story of the Food Network. Lunch at Noon; $10/advance; $15/door. No cost for author presentation at 12:30 p.m.

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–8 p.m.

Hebrew 101: TBE. 5:30 p.m.

Hebrew 103: TBE. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Book Festival Author Presentation: JCC. Featuring Eileen Rockefeller Growald, author of *Being a Rockefeller: Becoming Myself.* 7 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 14

Book Festival Author Presentation: JCC. Featuring Lloyd Sederer, MD, author of *The Family Guide to Mental Health Care.* 12:30 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4 p.m.

An Evening with the Frankel Center of Judaic Studies Scholars: JCC. Featuring Deborah Dash Moore, author of *Posen Library of Jewish Civilization and Culture*; Rachel Neis, author of *The Sense of Sight in Rabbinic Culture: Jewish Ways of Seeing in Late Antiquity;* Ryan Szpiech, author of *Conversion and Narrative: Reading and Religious Authority in Medieval Polemic*; and Jeffrey Veidlinger, author of *In the Shadow of the Shtetl: Small Town Jewish Life in Soviet Ukraine, 1919-1953.* 7 p.m.

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Friday 15

Rabbi Levy's Lunch and Learn: TBE. Informal discussion. Participants are welcome to bring lunch. Noon–1 p.m.

Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Traditional Shabbat Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 16

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50 a.m.

B'nai Mitzvah: TBE. 10 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Sunday 17

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty and depth of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Every Sunday.*

Kadima: BIC. Rock climbing. Noon.

Book Festival Local Author's Brunch: JCC. Brunch at 10 a.m. followed by author presentations by: Dr. Richard Adler, author of *Cholera in Detroit; A History*; Ruth Behar, author of *Traveling Heavy*; Raymond De Young, author of *The Localization Reader: Adapting to the Coming Downshift*; Julie Feldman, author of *Grocery Makeover*; Miriam Karpa, author of *Painting Zaidy's Dream*; Mitch Rycus, author of *A Novel*; and Joan Zald, author of *A Call from Egypt.* $7 for brunch in advance or $10 at the door. No cost for author presentations only. 10 a.m.

Book Festival Comedy Night and Dessert Extravaganza: JCC. With opening act of Big Al Muskovitz. Free for Book Festival sponsors. All other participants, $10 at the door. No cost for author presentation, featuring Fred Stoller, author of *Maybe We'll Have You Back.* 7 p.m.

Monday 18

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Torah Trop Classes: TBE. Noon.

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Rabbi Levy's Basic Judaism: TBE. 6–7 p.m.

Women's Torah Study with Cantor Rose: TBE. For information, contact cantorannie@gmail.com. 7 p.m.

Men's Torah Study: TBE. Twice monthly evening of learning. Refreshments served. For information, contact Roger Stutesman by phone at 352-1170 or at rogerstutesman8707@comcast.net. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday 19

Yiddish Tish (Yiddish Conversational Group): All ages and levels welcome including UM and non-UM participants. 1:30 p.m. at Beanster's Café, ground floor of UM Michigan League. For information, call 936-2367.

Presentation: Frankel Center. "American Foodways: The Jewish Contribution," presented by Avery Robinson, Frankel Center Master's Student and "Cooking Reform Judaism," presented by Deborah Dash Moore, University of Michigan, Frankel Center Director. Hatcher Graduate Library, 913 South University. For more information, see http://www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 7–9 p.m.

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Hebrew 104: TBE. 5 p.m.

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Evening book club session focuses on *Here I Am and Seven Prayers That Can Change Your Life,* by Dr. Leonard Felder. For information, contact Cantor Annie Rose at cantorannie@gmail.com. 7–8 p.m.

Topics in Jewish Law with Rabbi Rod Glogower: Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. At the Lewis/Bernstein home, 1304 Cambridge. 8–9:15 p.m.

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Wednesday 20

Lunch and Learn: BIC. Noon.

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–8 p.m.

Hebrew 101: TBE. 5:30 p.m.

Hebrew 103: TBE. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Theology Book Club: BIC. 8 p.m.

Thursday 21

Spirituality Book Club: TBE. Lunchtime session focuses on *Here I Am and Seven Prayers That Can Change Your Life,* by Dr. Leonard Felder. For information, contact Cantor Annie Rose at cantorannie@gmail.com. Noon–1 p.m.

Lunch and Birthday Celebration: JCC Seniors. Lunch at noon, followed by birthday celebration for JCC members with November birthdays. Cake and ice cream. 12:30 p.m.

Presentation: JCC Seniors. How has the JFK assassination affected our election process? Professor Jeffrey Bernstein, Eastern Michigan University, will discuss this question in his talk, "How It All Changed: American Electoral Politics Fifty Years After Dallas." 1 p.m.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4 p.m.

Talmudic Debates: The Holidays of the Year. BIC. Facilitated by Rabbi Robert Dobrusin. 8 p.m.

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BALLET PRELJOCAJ
AND THEN, ONE THOUSAND YEARS OF PEACE

Angelin Preljocaj, artistic director
Friday, November 1, 8 pm
Saturday, November 2, 8 pm
Power Center

POST-PERFORMANCE Q&A (FRIDAY)

After stunning local audiences with its lush interpretation of *Snow White* in 2012, Ballet Preljocaj brings *And Then, One Thousand Years of Peace*, an epic work inspired by visions of the Apocalypse in the Book of Revelation, created in collaboration with the Bolshoi Ballet.

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APOLLO'S FIRE

Jeannette Sorrel, music director and harpsichord
Sunday, November 3, 4 pm
Hill Auditorium

PROGRAM

Bach	Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F Major, BWV 1047 (1717-18)
Bach	Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 in G Major, BWV 1048 (1711-13)
Bach	Brandenburg Concerto No. 4 in G Major, BWV 1049 (1720)
Bach	Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 in D Major, BWV 1050 (1720-21)
Bach	Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 in B-Flat Major, BWV 1051 (1708-10)

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STEVE LEHMAN OCTET

Saturday, November 9, 8 pm
Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre

POST-PERFORMANCE Q&A

Steve Lehman's 2009 recording *Travail, Transformation & Flow* was chosen as the "#1 Jazz/Pop Album of the Year" by *The New York Times.* This visionary composer is trailblazing powerful new computer-driven models for improvisation and leads his Octet in this UMS debut.

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JAMES BLAKE

Monday, November 11, 7:30 pm
Michigan Theater

London-based electronic musician, singer-songwriter, and producer James Blake is a classically trained pianist who has quickly ascended to become a leading figure in the dubstep electronic dance music community.

UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30 pm
Michigan Theater

Renowned for its "perfectly polished professionalism, threaded through with dry wit and wry humor" *(The Independent)*, the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain has become something of a national institution over its 20 years, giving thousands of sold-out concerts across the world.

Bring your ukulele from home for the audience participation piece, Tom Petty's "American Girl." Tablature and lyrics at ums.org.

HAGEN QUARTET

Wednesday, November 13, 7:30 pm
Rackham Audiorium

PROGRAM

Beethoven	Quartet in D Major, Op, 18, No. 3
Beethoven	Quartet in A Major, Op, 18, No. 5
Beethoven	Quartet in E-Flat Major, Op. 127

SUPPORTED BY: Edward and Natalie Surovell

SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY

Michael Tilson Thomas, conductor
Saturday, November 16, 8 pm
Hill Audiorium

POST-PERFORMANCE Q&A

PROGRAM

Mahler	Symphony No. 9 in d minor (1908-09)

SPONSORED BY: Victors
SUPPORTED BY: Herbert and Doris Sloan Endowment Fund
FUNDED IN PART BY: ART WORKS. arts.gov

BROOKLYN RIDER

Béla Fleck, banjo
Sunday, November 24, 4 pm
Rackham Audiorium

POST-PERFORMANCE Q&A

Limited tickets remain for this performance. Please call the UMS Ticket Office for details: 734.764.2538.

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Fourth Friday Shabbat Service: AARC. Musical Kabbalat Shabbat services, led by Rabbi Michal Woll. Services followed by vegetarian potluck dinner. Pizza nosh for children before services at 6 p.m. Childcare provided during services from 6:15–7:30 p.m. Reservations preferred, especially for pizza and childcare. Contact Jennifer Cohen at 445-1910 or via email at www.aarecon.org/contact-us. At the JCC from 6–10 p.m.

Shabbat Services for Young Families: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Popsicle Oneg follows. Traditional Shabbat Service featuring special guest Dr. Leonard Felder and Kol Halev at 7:30 p.m. Oneg honoring Cantor Annie Rose following services.

Saturday 23

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50 a.m.

Shabbat Limmud: BIC. 9 a.m.

Chapel Service: TBE. 10 a.m.

Spirituality Shabbaton: TBE. With Dr. Leonard Felder. Contact Cantor Rose at cantorannie@gmail.com.

Tot Shabbat: BIC. 11:15 a.m.

Motown Dance Party and Fundraiser: BIC. At LIVE nightclub, located at First and Huron. 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 24

Tanya–Jewish Mysticism: Chabad. Delve into the basic text of Chassidism and discover the beauty of Judaism. 10:30 a.m. *Every Sunday.*

Monday 25

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Shalom Gever: TBE. Martial arts for health, fitness and self-defense. Open to children in grades K–12. 4:15–8 p.m.

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Hebrew 104: TBE. 5 p.m.

Yiddish Movie Night: Frankel Center. Showing of *Mamele*_[Little Mother]. 202 South Thayer Street, Room 2022. For more information, see www.lsa.umich.edu/judaic/events. 6 p.m.

Topics in Jewish Law with Rabbi Rod Glogower: Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan. At the Lewis/Bernstein home, 1304 Cambridge. 8–9:15 p.m.

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Wednesday 27

Shalom Gever: TBE. 4:15–8 p.m.

Hebrew 101: TBE. 5:30 p.m.

Hebrew 103: TBE. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Erev Thanksgiving Service and Chanukah First Night: TBE. 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Thursday 28

JCC: Closed for Thanksgiving.

Back Door Food Pantry: TBE. 4 p.m.

Talmud Study Group–Jewish Civil Law: Chabad. Sharpen your wits and knowledge of the Jewish legal system by following the intriguing discussions in the Talmud. The Talmud is a composite of practical law, logical argumentation and moral teachings. Study of the original Talmud tractate. 8 p.m. *Every Thursday.*

Friday 29

Rabbi Levy's Lunch and Learn: TBE. Informal discussion. Participants are welcome to bring lunch. Noon–1 p.m.

Latke Dinner: TBE Brotherhood. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Services for Families: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6:00 p.m. Tot dinner at 6:30 p.m. Chanukah crafts. Popsicle Oneg follows. Chanukah Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Friday evening services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Saturday 30

Torah Study with Rabbi: TBE. 8:50 a.m.

Bar Mitzvah: TBE. 10 a.m.

Shabbat services: *See listing at end of calendar.*

Weekly Friday night Shabbat services

Shabbat Service: AAOM. Services held at UM Hillel. Call 994-9258 in advance to confirm time.

Shabbat Service: BIC. 6 p.m.

Shabbat Service: TBE. Tot Shabbat at 6 p.m., followed by tot dinner. Traditional Service at 7:30 p.m. Once a month Middle School Service at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 665-4744.

Shabbat Service: Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Havurah. 6:15 p.m. at the JCC the fourth Friday each month. Musical Shabbat service followed by vegetarian potluck. Pizza nosh for the kids at 6:00 p.m. Childcare provided during the service. All are welcome to attend. For information, call 975-6527, email mamacohen@comcast.net, or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Service: Chabad. Begins at candle-lighting time. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals and Jewish holidays. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Weekly Shabbat services

Shabbat Services: AAOM. Morning service, 9:30 a.m. Evening service, 35 minutes before sunset. Call 662-5805 for information. Mincha/Ma'ariv with Seudah Shlisheet and Dvar Torah every week. Torah topics and a bite to eat. Discussions led by Rabbi Rod Glogower and other local scholars. Home hospitality available for Shabbat meals. UM Hillel.

Shabbat Services: BIC. 9:30 a.m. Morning childcare from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Shabbat Services: AA Reconstructionist Congregation. Learners' Service held first or second Saturday each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon. Discussion-based format with changing topics, focusing on historical, geographical, and political traditions of different parts of traditional service each month. Regular morning service generally held on the second or third Saturday each month at the JCC from 10 a.m.–noon. Traditionally based, with music plus a lengthy Torah discussion. For info, email info@aarecon.org or call 913-9705 or visit www.aarecon.org.

Shabbat Services: Chabad. Friday night services at Shabbat candle lighting time. Saturday morning services at 9:45 a.m. Afternoon services 45 minutes before sundown.

Shabbat Services: Pardes Hannah. Generally meets the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Call 663-4039 for more information. 10 a.m. Led by Rabbi Elliot Ginsburg.

Shabbat Services: TBE. Torah Study with Rabbi Levy at 8:50 a.m. Morning Minyan with Rabbi Delson and lay leaders at 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Service at 10 a.m. most weeks. Call the office at 665-4744 or consult website at www.templebethemeth.org for service details.

Home Hospitality for Shabbat and Holiday Meals: AAOM. Call 662-5805 in advance.

Home Hospitality and Meals: Chabad. Every Shabbat and Holiday. Call 995-3276 in advance.

Phone numbers and addresses of frequently listed organizations :

Ann Arbor Orthodox Minyan (AAOM)
1429 Hill Street 994-5822

Ann Arbor Reconstructionist Congregation (AARC)
P.O. Box 7451, Ann Arbor 913-9705

Beth Israel Congregation (BIC)
2000 Washtenaw Ave. 665-9897

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November 1	6:11 p.m.
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November 22	4:50 p.m.
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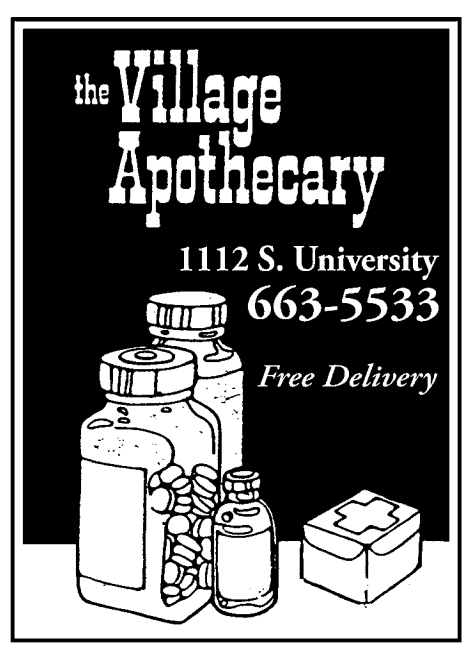

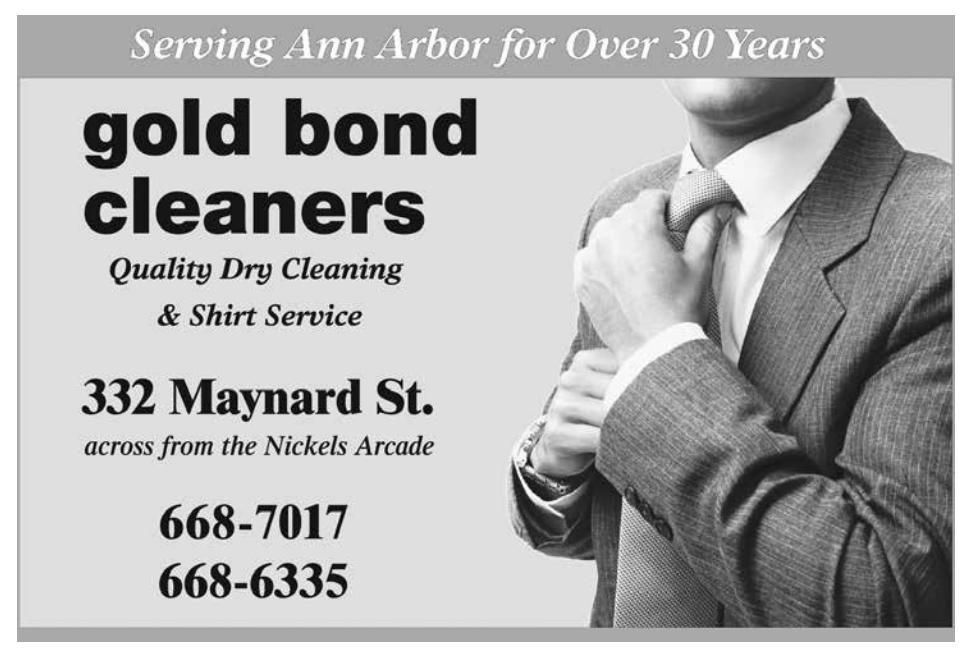

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Mazel tov

Eldon Wilderman on his bar mitzvah, November 2.
Noah Neff on his bar mitzvah, November 2.
Liana Dunietz on her bat mitzvah, November 2.
Zach Rochman on his bar mitzvah, November 16.
Ron Chen on his bar mitzvah, November 23.
Daniel Freiband on his bar mitzvah, November 30.
Amos Dodi and Annemarie Bonawitz-Dodi on the birth of their son, Elijah.
Joshua and Leora Rubin on the birth of their daughter, Reena Clair.

Condolences

Jenny Young on the death of her companion, Frederick A. Horowitz, September 12.
Irwin Martin on the death of his father, Herbert Goldstein, September 16.
Michael Freund and Beth Manuel on the death of their father, Allan P. Freund, September 16.
Ronnie Simon on the death of her father, Bernard Kasik, October 4.
Susan Gross on the death of her father, Benjamin Kleiman, October 5.
Susan Pollans on the death of her mother, Lee Pollans Diamond, October 6.

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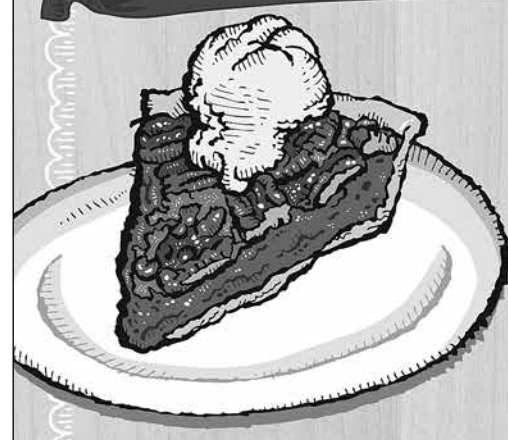

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Seven Prayers that Can Change Your Life

Friday night at 7:30 pm
Dr. Leonard Felder will speak in services,
followed by an Oneg Shabbat in honor of Annie.

Saturday beginning at 10 am
10 am Dr. Felder will speak in services
11:15 am Study session/workshop
12:30 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Study session/workshop

All events are open to the public free of charge, but
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To register, please email **rsvp@templebethemeth.org**
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